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CIO Council Cigarette Fund Drive Is Successful

Wholesalers Dump Produce For Price

OPA Says It Is Powerless To Remedy Situation

Labor advisory members of the Office of Price Administration have asked the local office to investigate its claim that local wholesale produce dealers, who have been holding vegetables and produce for higher prices, have been forced to dump large amounts of spoiled lettuce and cabbage.

Discovery of the wholesalers' loss came to the labor committee following its regular Wednesday morning meeting with the OPA.

Last week a Toledo produce company was forced to dump more than 80 bags of cabbage and lettuce which had spoiled, and word has reached the committee that 240 crates of lettuce are awaiting a favorable time, preferably early in the morning, to be taken out and dumped because of spoilage.

Committee Indignant

Members of the labor advisory committee are indignant because of the waste of food due to failure of the dealers to get the price up. Thomas Russell, CIO member of the committee, said, "I think it's crminal in these times when food is so difficult to get for dealers to waste food. They would rather suffer the loss of the produce and take a financial beating than give the consumers a break."

John Munn, OPA information officer, informed the TOLEDO UNION JOURNAL, "There is nothing that we can do about it," when told of the actions of the wholesalers. He said OPA employes were investigating the situation and that publicity would be released through the daily papers.

Members of the committee are up in arms. Edward Duck, also a members of the labor advisory committee, said, "If the OPA has no power to do anything about dumping foodstuffs in time of war, we had better get in touch with some governmental agency that can do something about it. We certainly are not giving our time and effort to aid the OPA and do a job of window dressing unless the agency does something constructive."

Proof Offered

Proof that food is being dumped because of spoilage was offered to the OPA but was not accepted by John Munn. He seemed quite certain the investigators would be able to turn up some evidence of what was going on. The name of the cartage company which hauls and dumps the spoiled vegetables was offered to the OPA, as well as the warehouse from which the crates will be removed.

It is the opinion of the labor advisory board that the large number of Victory gardens now beginning to bear will force produce prices down even lower than they are at present and that wholesalers will then either be forced to cut their prices or suffer serious loss.

Union and Look Give To War Chest

NEW YORK (FP)—As part of a settlement of its dispute with the American Newspaper Guild (CIO), Look, a picture magazine, contributed $250 to the New York Labor War Chest to match the contribution of three employes who made a similar donation out of the $2,250 in back pay they received by an

Auxiliary To Conduct Drive

The Women's Auxiliary of the UAW-CIO will begin an intensive organizing campaign among union women in Toledo this month, it was announced by the National Coordinating Committee of Women's Auxiliaries. Mrs. Ivah Sheehy, member of the committee, will be stationed in Toledo to assist in the drive.

Mrs. Ivah Sheehy

Wives, mothers, sisters and daughters of all UAW-CIO members are urged to join the auxiliary as now, more than ever before, union women have a tremendous job to do. Women play a vital role in political action, war activity, child care and many other civic endeavors. The UAW-CIO auxiliary has an enviable record in every field.

All over the country these women have taken active part in War Bond drives, Red Cross drives, blood donor campaigns, salvage campaigns, the anti-inflation drive and in drives to establish playgrounds and centers to care for children of working mothers. All America has received benefit from the efforts of these union groups.

Toledo Needs Organization

In Toledo there is a great need for effort in all these phases and a strong auxiliary can be most important. The plan of organization in Local 12 will be to have an amalgamated auxiliary with each unit in the local having its own division

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UAW Convention May Have Local 12 Band

A strong movement is on foot to have the Local 12, UAW-CIO band named as the official band for the national UAW-CIO convention when it meets in St. Louis from September 29 to October 4.

A request has been made to have the band named for the convention due to the fact that it was the outstanding musical organization in the Chicago convention last year, and because many other Locals have asked that it be given the honor.

The Local 12 musical organization consists of 60 pieces and is recognized as one of the outstanding bands in this section of the country. Local 12 members are hoping that the place of honor will go to this fine musical group under direction of Carmen Broderick.

Wallace Speech Approved

DETROIT, MICH.—July 22. — Members of the Detroit committee which is sponsoring the address in Detroit next Sunday by Vice-President Wallace said today that the text of the address has been read and approved by President Roosevelt.

The Vice-President will speak Sunday, July 25th, at 4 P. M. at the State Fair Grounds Race Track. Under the subject, "America Tomorrow," Wallace is expected to discuss post-war plans, with particular emphasis on employment, industrial conversion and the role of labor.

Harold Young, secretary to the Vice-President, conferred with members of the local arrangements committee in Detroit, Sunday, at which time it became known that Presidential approval for the address had been given.

Many to Welcome Wallace

Representatives of management, labor and the city government will join Sunday in brief addresses welcoming the appearance in Detroit of the Vice-President, it was announced today by Abner Larned, chairman of the group of several score Detroit organizations which are sponsoring the Wallace meeting.

Larned announced the following will deliver brief addresses preceding the Vice-President's talk:

Mayor Edward J. Jeffries, R. J. Thomas, president of the UAW-CIO, who will formally introduce Wallace at the Race Track meeting; Fred L. Black, of the Detroit Board of Commerce; Mrs. Howell Van Auken, representing a number of women's organizations; Frank X. Martell, president of the Detroit Federation of Labor (AFL), and Dr. James McClendon, president of the Detroit branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Smith-Connally Act Used To Challenge Union

WASHINGTON (FP)—The National War Labor Board's authority to order union security or maintenance of membership clauses in union contracts under the newly enacted Smith-Connally Act was challenged for the first time July 14 by Bernard A. Moran, president of a Brooklyn shipyard.

Moran was called before the Board to explain his defiance of a WLB directive issued June 16, ordering him to sign a contract, including a union security clause, with the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers (CIO). The company's stand, Moran said, was based on a statement made to the House by Rep. Howard W. Smith (D., Va.), coauthor of the bill, in which he alleged that the bill outlawed such clauses.

This premise was sharply disputed by the Board. Public Member Frank P. Graham of the Board said that he had been assured by the House majority leader, Rep. John W. McCormack (D., Mass.), after the vote had been taken that the bill did not prohibit the WLB from ordering union security or maintenance of membership clauses.

Alcoa Uses Jesse Jones To Put Over Deal

By Congressman John M. Coffee
For Federated Press

In January of this year the U. S. was told for the first time that a huge power project was being built by the Aluminum Co. of Canada, Ltd. (Alcocan). Many of us who have been interested in electric power and the procurement of light metals for war were immediately interested. When I learned of the transactions surrounding the construction of the project, however, I was amazed and shocked.

The project in Canada, according to a New York Times article, was financed by advance payments for aluminum made by the Metals Reserve Corp. of the U. S. Metals Reserve is one of the many government financing agencies under the control of Jesse Jones. That agency has advanced, by a series of four contracts, $68,500,000 interest free! The Shipshaw power project is costing Alcoan about [illegible],900,0000. Jesse's down-payment, using taxpayers' money, nicely covered that cost.

Now if Jones were just getting more aluminum in the quickest way possible, there might be little objection to the contracts other than that they were unduly profitable for Alcoan. But knowing Jesse's tendency in the past to prevent proper expansion of the light metals industry, and knowing his inclination to help the Aluminum Co. of America retain monopoly control of aluminum production here, I felt that further investigation was necessary.

What Is Alcoan?

What is Alcoan? It is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Aluminum Ltd. Aluminum Ltd. was formed in 1938 to develop the foreign holdings of Alcoa. It was formed in Canada, by the way, to escape the anti-trust laws of the U. S. The president of Aluminum Ltd. is the brother of the president of Alcoa. The majority stockholders of Alcoa and Alcoan are identical. Alcoan is just Alcoa in Canada!

Let me tell you about the contracts. First, of course, no interest was charged for the $68,500,000. Second, the price to be paid is 15c

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Annual Button Ordered By Local 12

Orders have been placed for an anual button for Local 12 membership which will soon be received.

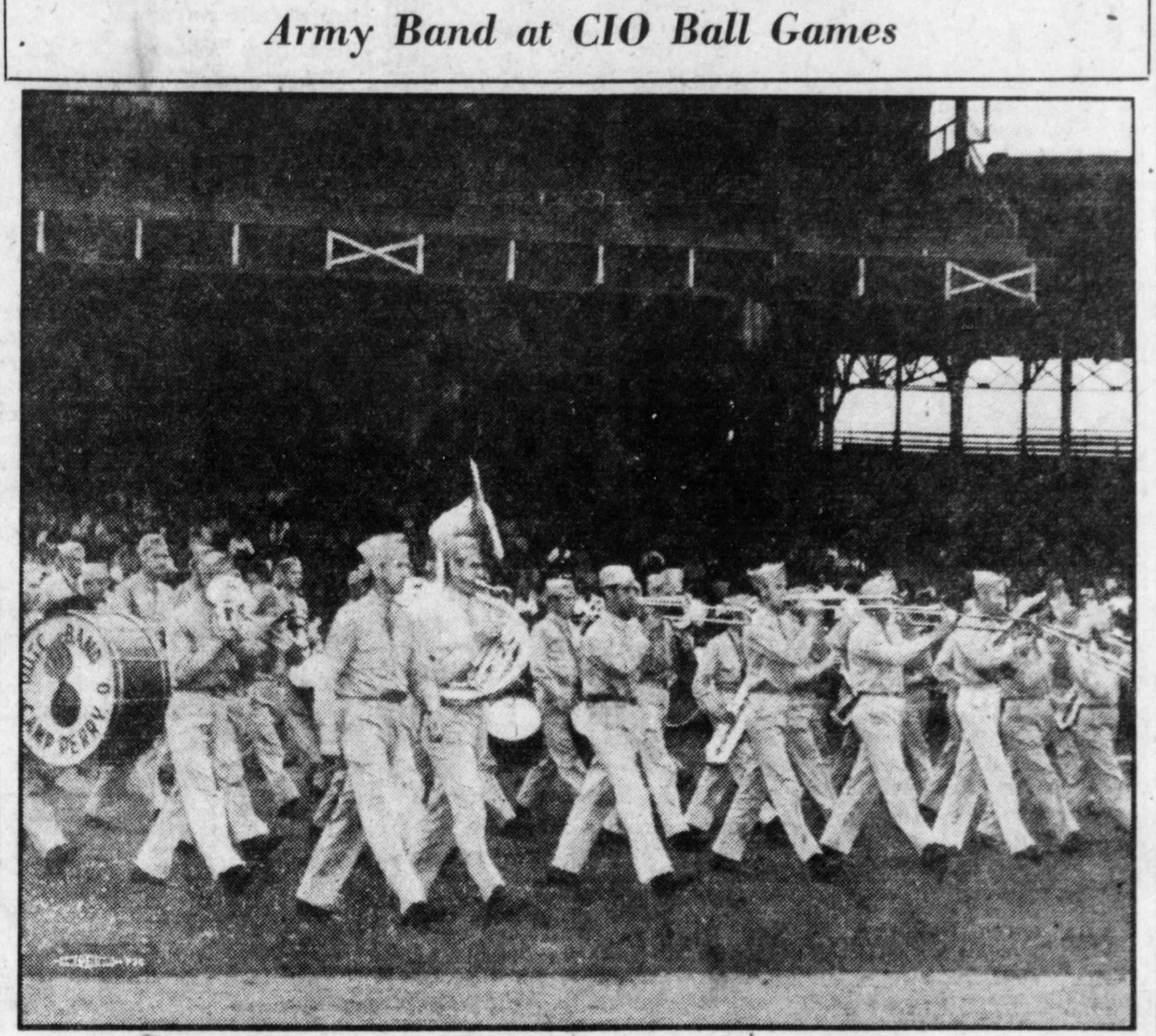
Decision to order the annual button came as a result of the shortage of buttons which formerly were given out monthly.

When the buttons arrive, they will be distributed to the various units and redistributed to the members by the stewards. Announcement of the arrival of the badges will be made to acquaint Local 12 members of their availability.

It's Not Compulsory

The CIO doesn't attempt to force or fine its members like the Bricklayers' Union in the box several columns removed from this. We believe our people are intelligent enough to realize the importance of registering and voting. See cartoon on Page 4.

Army Band at CIO Ball Games


One of the two bands from Camp Perry, which played at Swayne Field Monday night, is shown crossing the park on its way to the flag staff to raise the flag. The team from Camp Perry was defeated, but the band played on.

UAW-CIO Holds Regional Meet At Fostoria

FOSTORIA, O., July 17—More than 100 delegates and officers of the UAW-CIO from Region 2-B, which includes Toledo, Lima, Fostoria, Fremont, Sandusky, Port Clinton, Bellevue, Marion and surrounding territory, met here to discuss their problems, formulate plans for the National UAW Convention which will be held in St. Louis, Mo., in September, and draw up resolutions for presentation to the annual meeting.

Richard Gosser, Toledo, UAW-CIO regional director, presided over the meeting, which lasted throughout the day. Charles Ballard, chairman of the Willys-Overland Unit of Local 12, UAW-CIO, and special international representative, was acting secretary.

Government Agencies Discussed

Principal of the discussions were problems arising out of War Labor Board cases, National Labor Relations Board, Office of Price Administration and War Manpower Commission. Consultation and comparisons of what has occured in many cases throughout the region were informative and helpful to those with similar problems.

"No Strike" Pledge Challenged

One of the main topics of discussion was the UAW "no strike" pledge in the light of the Smith-Connally Act, which gives labor the right to strike under certain specific conditions.

It was agreed that the Smith-Connally Act was a slap in the face to labor, particularly since

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Thomas Answers Rep. Engel

R. J. Thomas, president of the UAW-CIO, today declared that Congressman Albert J. Engel's (R., Mich.) recently publicized average hourly wage for war workers is a gross exaggeration and quoted official government figures to prove his contention.

In a letter addressed to the congressman, Thomas said that $1.17 an hour is the average, as compared with $1.35, the rate given by Engel as a result of his "survey" in 47 war plants.

Thomas further pointed out that wages have not kept pace with soaring living costs, and that the average auto worker is today receiving "about 46%" less per hour in terms of food, clothing and shelter, than he received in 1941.

For the decline in purchasing power of the dollar, Thomas blamed Engel and other congressmen who have refused to support President Roosevelt's anti-inflation program.

Hallelujah! Raise the Rent!

INDIANAPOLIS (FP)—This is no time to fool with the rights of man, alienable or inalienable, Superior Court Judge Hezzic B. Pike ruled here. In a decision holding rent control unconstitutional, he said:

"Our nation is founded upon, and our Constitution provides for liberty and justice. In time of war we must give up many of our liberties to save the nation. But there is no need to give up justice for, whether it is war legislation or not, if everyone is treated the same, justice is not destroyed."

"Let Freedom Ring"

WASHINGTON—(FP)—"Civilian violence, particularly by police officials, against the Negro soldier continues unabated and may well be the greatest single factor now operating to make 13,000,000 Negroes bitter and resentful and to undermine the fighting spirit of three-quarters of a million Negroes in arms," the National Lawyers Guild said in a report based on a study made by William H. Hastie, vice-president of the guild and former civilian aide to the secretary of war.

Want U. S. To Halt Supplies To Franco

JAMAICA, N. Y.—July 22 (FP) — Halting of shipments of supplies from the U. S. to Franco, Spain, was urged by 5,000 at a mass meeting here July 18, commemorating the seventh anniversary of the outbreak of the Spanish war.

A resolution pledging unceasing aid and support to the Spanish people in their fight against Franco was passed in the presence of representatives of the following consulates in New York City: Belgian, Chinese, Soviet, Czechoslovakian and Mexican.

Another resolution indorsed the request of Rep. John M. Coffee (D, Wash.) for an investigation of the role of Franco's Spanish Falange in the war.

MURRAY WARNS COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON—(FP)—Senate judiciary committee members were warned by CIO President Philip Murray that delay in reporting favorably HR 7, the Marcantonio anti-poll tax bill, would be seized upon by the propaganda machines of our enemies.

Maxon Quits OPA

Special to Toledo Union Journal

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 15—Lou R. Maxon, who has been under fire from President R. J. Thomas of the Auto Workers (CIO) as well as other labor leaders because of his "mistake" in getting extra rationing stamps for his palatial Michigan "cottage" and inflationary tendencies, quit the OPA yesterday after telling what is wrong with that governmental agency.

Maxon's statements which were avidly seized by the press of the country (Maxon also gives them national advertising for Heinz 57 Varieties) were directed against the OPA in what appears to be a peevish attempt to destroy an agency in which his effectiveness was compromised almost from the very day he entered its employ.

Maxon's article is reported to have been inspired by the National Association of Manufacturers with which Maxon is on cordial terms.

Maxon Rationalizes

In his resignation Maxon said, "I cannot accept the position of general manager of the OPA," and then enlarging on this, said he could not continue to associate with OPA in any manner. As a matter of fact, Maxon had never been asked to take over the general managership of the OPA, so his rejection of the job was, to say the least, superfluous.

Maxon, in his letter, objected to "remaking of the American econ-

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Why Not Pay Them What They Earn?

PORTLAND, Me. (FP)—Poll tax congressmen were asked to take a 60% salary cut in a resolution passed here by the Central Labor Union.

The figure was based on a comparison of wages in the eight southern states with wages in California. In California, the resolution read, "workers in the cotton seed and vegetable oil industry enjoy a wage scale of approximately $1 an hour," while workers in the south earn around 40 cents an hour.

Wow!

CINCINNATI — (FP) — When the bricklayers of Ohio say Vote, they mean vote!

At the 38th convention of the Ohio State Conference, Bricklayers, Masons and Plasterers International Union (AFL), here a regulation was passed slapping a $5 fine on any member who fails to register for voting in state or federal elections.

Thousands Contribute And Attend Ball Games

Hundreds of Toledo servicemen, serving in all parts of the world are going to be made happy because of the successful Overseas Cigarette Fund Drive concluded Monday night at Swayne Field with 5,000 spectators cheering the ball teams, the military bands and each other.

Thomas Russell, executive secretary of the Toledo Industrial Union Council, stated that an accurate estimate of the results of the drive would be impossible for a week or 10 days; but said, "I know we will realize $6,000 at least and that will buy a lot of cigarettes for our servicemen."

Thanks Donors

Every CIO local in Toledo contributed to the fund together with many industrial plants which were glad to participate in the good cause. Members of the committee echoed the sentiments of Mr. Russell, who said, "We are very grateful to the management of many Toledo plants who gave so generously to the fund. We also appreciate the co-operation given us by the local newspapers, the management of the Toledo Baseball Club, the players, the musicians and officers from Camp Perry and all who aided us in making the drive the great success it was."

Col. H. D. Wooley, commanding officer of Camp Perry, and Mayor Lloyd Roulet took a prominent part in the ceremonies with the former pitching the first ball of the main game to Mayor Roulet, who was behind the bat. Both men received a fine hand from the crowd.

War Department To Send Smokes

When the cigarettes are purchased in the near future, they will be sent by the War Department to all parts of the world where Toledo soldiers are fighting. Each 50-cent donation which purchased a carton of cigarettes will be accompanied by the name of the donor to personalize the gift. Many of those who gave will no doubt receive letters of thanks from the servicement who will receive the cigarettes.

Members of the CIO Council serving on the committee expressed their satisfaction with the drive and were pleased with the fine turn-out to the double-header at Swayne Field, which marked the close of the campaign.

(For details of the game see page 5)

Depot Workers To Get Jobs

Melvin Schultz, president of Local 12, asks that all employes of the Auto-Lite Tank Depot who will be out of work as a result of closing of the plant Aug. 1 report for jobs at Local 12 as soon as their present work has been ended.

Mr. Schultz said, "I think we will be able to find plenty of work for the 1600 people at Tank Depot, and we will gladly do everything in our power to see that these people are placed promptly so the economic loss resulting from waiting for a long perid of time will not affect them."

With the extreme shortage of workers in Toledo plants, the release of this large body of people should help ease the local employment situation, particularly in view of government figures for May and June, which show a falling off of production. War Production Board officials are calling for increased production and it is felt that there will be plenty of work for Tank Depot employes in other Toledo plants.

Delay Drive On Little Steel Plan

PITTSBURGH, July 19 (FP)—The CIO is holding back on its threat to press for the scrapping of the Little Steel wage formula if a real food price roll-back and subsidy program was not in operation by July 15, President Philip Murray announced on that day.

"It is my understanding now that the President of the United States can exercise the power to demand an effective roll-back," Murray declared. "We will await that action." The understanding was based on Congress' decision not to pass legislation hamstringing the President's subsidy program, he said.

Murray had declared on several previous occasions that unless price roll-backs were in effect by July 15 the CIO would be forced to demand scrapping of the Little Steel formula to allow wages to keep pace with rocketing living costs.

BATTLE GOES TO PEOPLE

WASHINGTON — (FP) — The Congressional Committee for the Protection of Consumers, known as the Fighting 40, issued a statement announcing that "we are returning to our home districts where we will hold meetings and take the anti-inflation battle directly to the people."

Hearing On Unions' G. M. Contracts

WASHINGTON — (FP) — Demands of the United Auto Workers (CIO) and the United Electrical Radio & Machine Workers (CIO) for modifications in their contracts with General Motors Corp. will be heard July 23 in Detroit by a tripartite panel to be named later, the National War Labor Board announced July 13.

In telegrams to the parties involved the board said that "failure of either party to appear will not deprive the board of jurisdiction to proceed with the hearing and to decide the dispute."

Scale Co. Employees Fed Up With Ohio Union

After more than two years of the Scale Workers of Ohio holding their bargaining rights, workers at the Toledo Scale Co. are expressing their dissatisfaction with the union in increasing number.

Many incidents have occured in the past year which are arousing suspicion in the minds of many of the Scale Co. workers, that perhaps the company is not just as indifferent to the union as it might be, in fact, some of the workers make no bones in referring to the union as being a company union.

Employees say that on the face of the thing, there is no evidence that the Scale Workers' Union is working with the company, but rather that they are afraid of the management and therefore agree to many things which should not be agreed to favoring the company and against the interest of the workers.

Don't Blame Officers

Scale Co. workers have nothing but sympathy for Eugene Koontz, president of the Scale Workers, because he has never had any experience in handling union matters other than what he has gained at the plant, and is innocent of knowledge of how to go about adjusting grievances and other matters affecting the workers.

One of the workers, in talking about Mr. Koontz, said, "Poor Gene. He doesn't know what the score is. He leads a dog's life, because he realizes that a lot of his people can't be kidded by talk and bluster, and can't give them anything but a lot of talk."

Sympathy for James Hanna, secretary of the Scale Workers' Union, is even more marked than that for the president. According to Scale Co. employees, "Hanna is a swell fellow and would make a good union officer if he wasn't dominated by Koontz. Jim is afraid to call his soul his own when Koontz is around."

Supervisors Hold Office

Source of much dissatisfaction with the union is due to the fact that supervisors not only are per-

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Navy Recruits Get Send-Off From DeVilbiss Unit

Another large group of Navy recruits were given a send-off on July 22, when DeVilbiss Unit of Local 12, UAW-CIO, sponsored the weekly breakfast at the Hillcrest Hotel.

The breakfast followed the usual pattern with Lieut. Harold Millikan, in charge of the Toledo Recruiting Station, talking of the work which the Navy has accomplished in the war and the part it still has to play before peace returns again.

Frank Sido, chairman of the DeVilbiss Unit spoke to the recruits of the interest which the DeVilbiss Unit and all unions had in the war and the servicemen and said that the workers were anxious to get on with the war and get it over with so that normal life could once more resume.

Frank Sido, chairman of the DeVilbiss Unit, represented the Unit. Vocal selections and instrumental music was furnished by staff artists from radio station WTOL, which broadcast the talks.

Alcoa Uses Jesse Jones

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for 80% and 17c for 20% of the aluminum delivered. Reliable sources indicate that cost of the aluminum to Alcoan is about 6c a pound! Such beautiful profits!

But why two different prices? Well, the world price for aluminum now is 17c and it wouldn't be nice of Mr. Jones to disturb plans of the aluminum monopoly for maintaining its high international price.

Third, the contracts contain escalator clauses that allow the price of aluminum to rise if labor or transportation costs rise. We will pay then, not the 15c and 17c per pound provided for in the contracts, but much higher prices.

Fourth, the contracts have cancellation clauses which work entirely for the benefit of Alcoan. If the war ends and the U. S. cancels the contracts before the end of 1945, the company keeps all the down-payment. The fourth contract, which provides for the purchase of 370,000,000 pounds of aluminum, even has a clause enabling Alcoan to collect 1c a pound on undelivered aluminum in addition to the down-payment already made. How companies in this country would like to receive such contracts! But Jesse loves Alcoa and its brothers best.

There Are Reasons

While Shipshaw is being constructed with interest-free money, construction of power projects in this country is being stopped. Jesse evidently could not think of using power in this country for increased aluminum production—he had to go to Canada and buy from the international aluminum monopoly.

One of the reasons, incidentallly, for the expansion of the aluminum monopoly's plant in Canada rather than in the U. S. is the fact that in Quebec, where Shipshaw is being built, the workers are paid at wages about one-half those paid for equal work in the U. S. Alcoan, with a low wage bill, will be in a position to forestall competition from this country where higher wages must be paid.

Why didn't Jones try to get his aluminum in this country and use power projects already under construction for increased aluminum plants? Why did he give Alcoan money on such lovely terms? The Shipshaw power project will enable the international aluminum monopoly, operating through its Canadian branch, to control the light metals development of the entire world.

We are paying monopoly prices for aluminum now during the war, making some people enormously rich while others are working for regular wages, or are fighting and giving their lives for victory. After the war we shall still be forced to pay monopoly prices for aluminum. Jesse Jones has seen to that.

Scale Co. Employees Dissatisfied

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mitted to belong to the union and vote, but may, and actually do, hold office. This is contrary to all accepted union practice, but is permitted in the Scale Workers' Union which makes its own rules. There is no question about the personal honesty and integrity of the supervisors who hold office; but employees wonder how they can serve the people when they may be required to settle a grievance which may perhaps be directed against them.

Roy Shell, supervisor in the engineering department and member of the Foreman's Club, is vice-president of the Scale Workers' Union, and Frank Woolcott, leader in the ordnance department, is union treasurer. The latter is known as "the silent member" of the executive committee because he never opens his mouth when dealing with the company for the workers.

Executive Committee Well Paid

Company workers are talking among themselves and saying that members of the executive committee are among the highest paid people in the shop. Dissatisfaction is rampant because of this talk, and employees are sarcastically asking each other, "Why don't you run for the executive committee and help yourself to better pay?" Members of the ordinance department who were given big promises before the election, are criticizing President Koontz, who never came through with more money as per his pre-election promise.

Raps on the way seniority is being handled are multiplying and workers are complaining bitterly that seniority is not being handled according to union practice. One such case has come to light in the machine room where the oldest employe was asked if he wanted to work one Saturday and when he waived his right, instead of going down the seniority list the committeeman picked out one of the youngest men and asked him to work.

Workers are beginning to wonder what will happen when the war has ended and it is no longer necessary for the company to attempt to hold their workers. They are wondering what steps the union will be able to take to protect the workers' jobs and seniority and grievance procedure when even during wartime the union is unwilling or unable to do anything really constructive for the company employees.

FDR SAYS NO

WASHINGTON—(FP)—President Roosevelt read to reporters at his weekly press conference the text of a message which he will send to congress when it reconvenes in September, denouncing as a "bill of attainder" a rider to an appropriations bill ordering him to fire three government employes. The President indicated that he would refuse to abide by the order.

Seabees Build Home for Queen Bee

—Official U. S. Navy photo, released by WPB Labor Press Service.

By capturing a queen bee, these men of a Navy Seabee outfit in Australia soon acquired a swarm, built a hive for their new recruits, and now have the honey situation well in hand.

Maxon Quits OPA

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omy," another superfluous piece of thinking since he had been most active to prevent any and all efforts to bring the American economy to a point where it could meet war-time conditions.

His letter called for " a liberal transfusion of horse sense," but labor leaders feel that real common sense was used by R. J. Thomas when he insisted upon Maxon's removal from the OPA when it was obvious that Maxon was for the OPA and rationing for everybody except Maxon and "his guests" at the Maxon summer home in Michigan.

Agree With Maxon

Washington labor leaders agree with Maxon's statement that "OPA must not fail," but they believe Maxon had some other idea in mind than the one he so sanctimoniously wrote. Their belief was based upon Maxon's performance rather than his words, and when he had departed they were pleased for his resignation meant one more obstacle overcome in making the Office of Price Administration do the job which was originally intended for it.

WANTS CONFERENCE

PITTSBURGH — (FP) — CIO President Philip Murray lost no time in acting on his executive board's resolution calling for a nation-wide legislative conference of AFL, CIO and railroad unions. Going on the air here, Murray urged union locals and other groups to hold community political conferences in preparation for the national conference sought by the board.

Blind Hold Meeting.

Toledo blind, members of the Ohio Federation for the Blind, held an organization metting at the Y. M. C. A. Wednesday night and condemned the action of employment authorities in shifting blind workers from high to low pay districts in war industries.

One speaker told of being sent from Toltdo to a small town downstate and after deducting all his expenses, including bonds, room and board, he had exactly one dollar left. A protest was lodged with the War Manpower Commission together with a request to employ Toledo blind in local factories rather than send them into low wage districts where they cannot afford to work.

PATRONIZE OUR ADVERTISERS

A New Idea

A Union Labels Store has been opened in the lobby of the Local 12 Dues Office, carrying a supply of union label goods.

Convention hats may be ordered or purchased for 85c.

Stop and see our display.

Open Monday and Wednesday Evenings— 6:30 to 8:30 P. M.

Union Labels Committee in Charge

Wm. Healey, chairman

Regional Meet At Fostoria

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strikes have been reduced to less than one per cent, and in view of labor's war production record which has enabled this country to exceed the production of all the other Allied countries.

A resolution was unanimously adopted by the conference which will be presented before the national convention calling upon the convention to rescind the "no strike" pledge under certain conditions, such as non-cooperation and obstructionist tactics on the part of industrial management, and similar provocative causes. The resolution provides that when a strike has been voted, it be referred to the International Executive Board for approval.

Resolutions Adopted

Other resolutions were adopted calling for scrapping of the "little steel formula" or price rollbacks to the May, 1942, level, post-war planning, union labels, and other pertinent questions affecting the workers. All resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Representatives Give Reports

Representatives attached to the international office under Regional Director Richard Gosser reported their activities since the last regional meeting. Those reporting were Robert Burkart, Howard Seren, James Crowley, Mike Bracey and Charles Ballard. Orville Beemer, who was unable to attend the meeting, was excused for cause.

Ralph Brown, recently appointed assistant director in charge of all Electric Auto-Lite plant unions and organizational work in the United States, was introduced by Regional Director Gosser and explained the Auto-Lite Council. He told of his work and plans to organize and coordinate Auto-Lite Unions under a master contract now being compiled.

Propose Regional Newspaper

O. J. Pecord, managing editor of the TOLEDO UNION JOURNAL, spoke to the conference relative to a proposal to make the paper a regional UAW organ, and told of the benefits which would derive from such a publication. He urged the delegates to give the proposal every consideration, and asked each local represented to appoint a qualified correspondent to the paper and to use it to reach their membership.

Pecord also asked that the paper be subscribed for by the locals and idividuals and outlined the publication's advertising plan.

Comments on the proposal to make the Toledo labor paper the regional publication was favorable and definite action will be taken soon to effectuate plans for enlarging the scope and size of the publication.

Gosser Closes Meeting

In closing the conference, Regional Director Gosser called upon the delegates to put the cause of the Union ahead of all other considerations. He spoke of the "no strike" pledge and said that he hoped there would be no s[illegible] because "the first considerat[illegible] all the workers should be to "win the war abroad and on the home front."

Mr. Gosser said, "We must not let the boys in the armed services down, because we cannot have fascism triumph over democracy. If I had my choice between fascism and death, I'd take death."

Time and place for the next regional conference will be announced at a later date.

In addition to Toledo delegates present at the meeting, the following representatives were present: Wendall Strong, Local 310, Sandusky; Thomas Kenney, Local 497, Port Clinton; C. D. Cox, Local 124, Lima; Willard Orwig, Bellevue; M. Lambright, Local 475, Fostoria; Elmer Andrews, Joseph Lewis and A. O. Ireland, Local 106, Lima; John Burke, Local 750, Marion; Robert C. Michaels, Local 914, Fremont; Don Buskby, Martin Tschida, Local 711, Lima; Paul Holden and Fred Riggle, Local 975, Lima.

Small Fry Plead Guilty

NEW YORK, July 20 (FP)—We hope this augurs something bad for the big fish that seem to be getting away.

Pleading guilty to charges of defrauding the government, four officials and a key employe of the Sullivan Drydock and Repair Corp., Brooklyn, were held in $1000 bail pending sentence. They are liable to 10 years in prison, $10,000 fines or both.

According to the indictment, the defendants had mulcted the government of $100,000 in Maritime Commission and Navy repair and construction jobs, but local federal officials estimated that the actual take was nearer $400,000.

Civil action has already been started by U. S. Attorney Harold M. Kennedy to assess penalties and recover twice the amount entailed in the frauds.

In addition to the corporation itself, the guilty are Vice-Presidents Anthony J. McAllister, Herbert Krauss and William Watson, Treasurer Walter Krauss and Leslie H. Finlay, an administration employe.

ARMY AND NAVY REFUSE CO-OPERATION

WASHINGTON—(FP)—Acting under direct orders from President Roosevelt, the war and navy departments refused to co-operate with the Cox committee in its witchhunt against the Federal Communications Commission.

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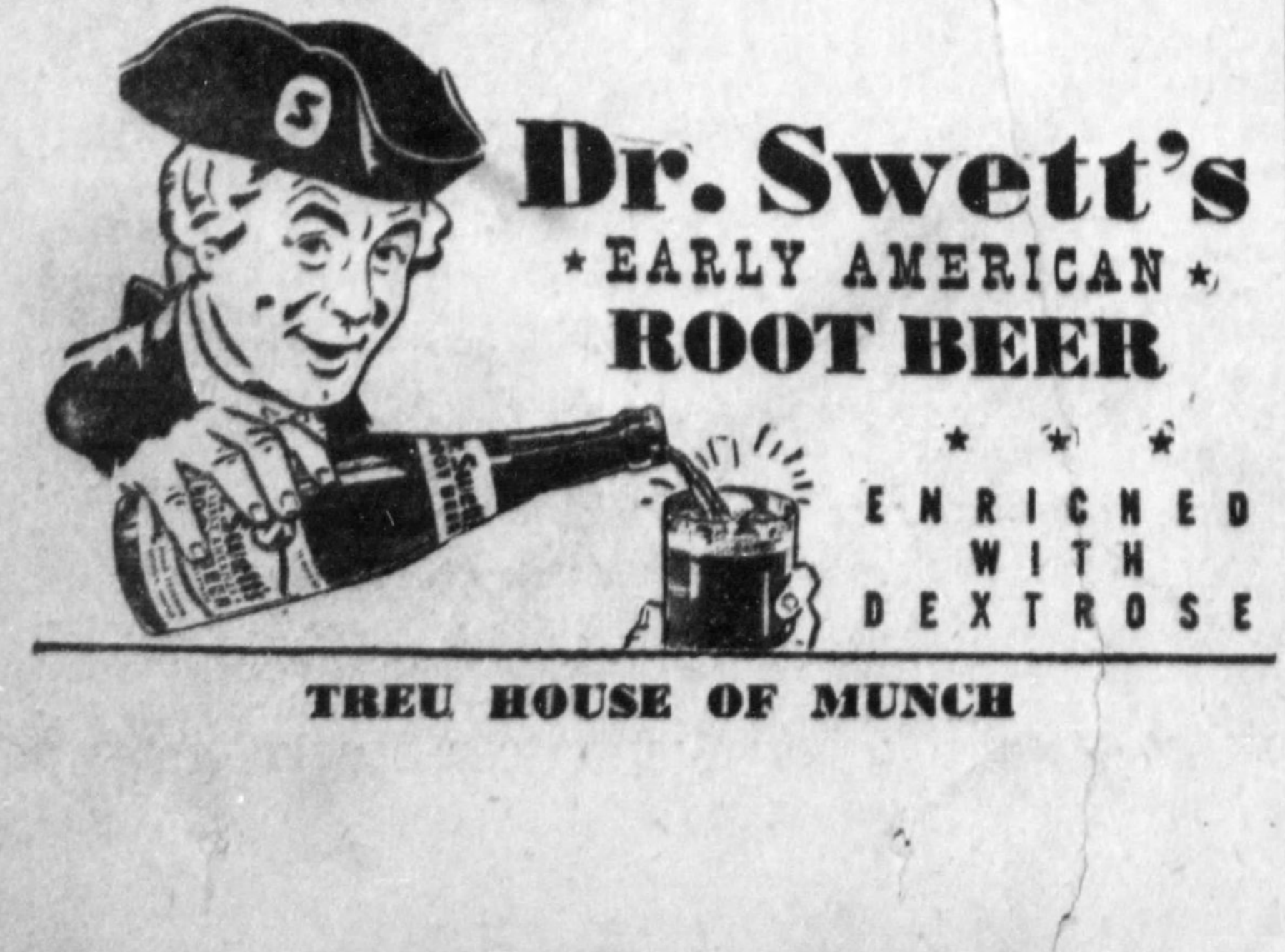

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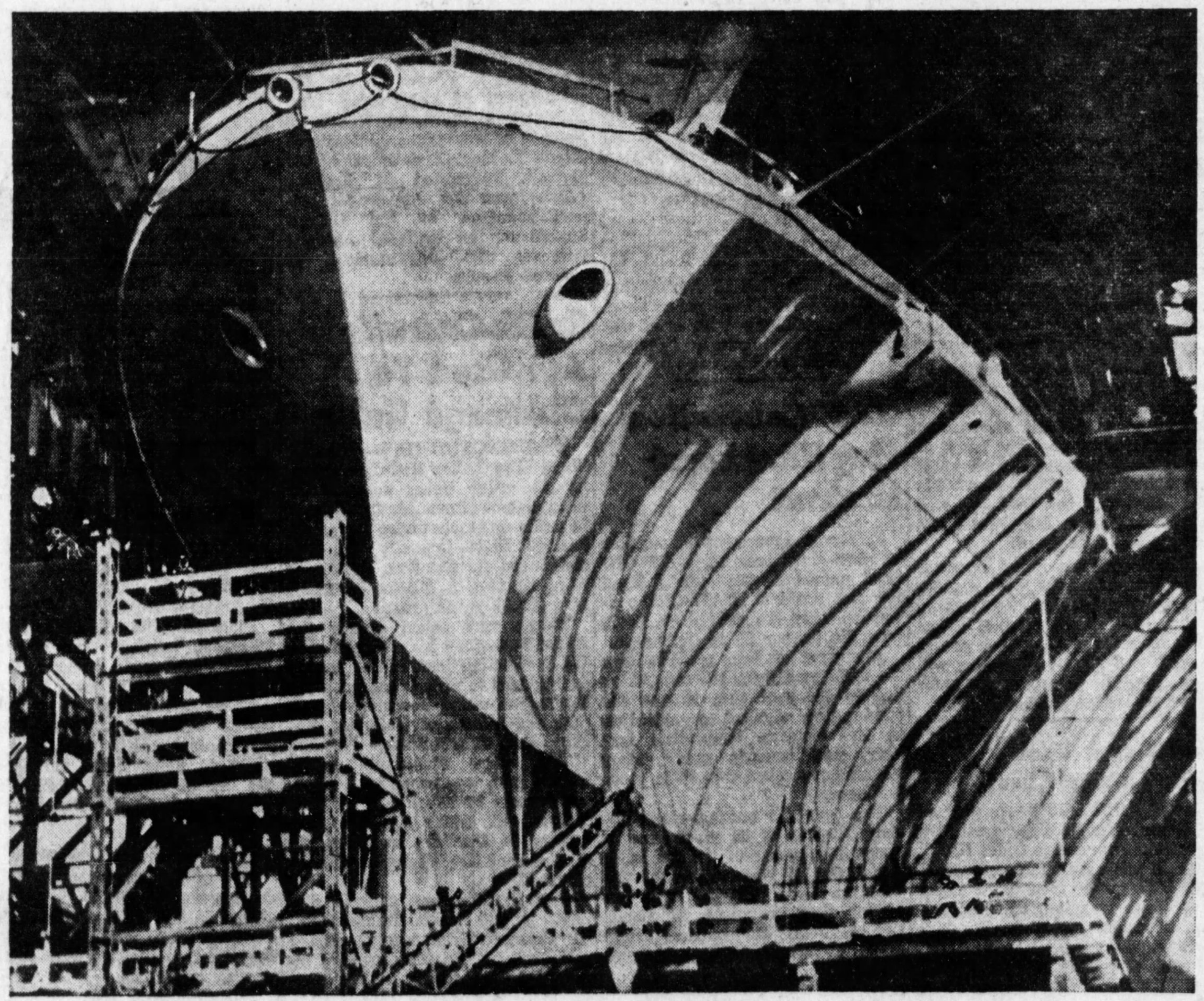

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THISA AND THATA

Fred Knight of Dept. C teamed up with Hank Hullhorst in a golf match against Ollie Wilson and John Byrd a week ago. Fred shot a 78 and failed to win a hole, while Wilson had a par-breaking 70.

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If the present conditions exist on the firing line on the second shift, Agnes and Margaret will have to get permits to wear bathing suits. Watch your step, girls!

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Ann Brittain had the same thought on our new checks that most of us had, apparently. At any rate she cashed her stub instead of her check at her grocers. You can be rest assured that her grocer notified Ann of her mistake in a hurry.

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Sam Hendricks leaves for the Army July 28. The Army needs good men and when they get Sam they get the best Engineering can offer. Good luck, Sam!

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S'LONG, ART

Arthur Palmer, our Radar expert (Army Air Corps Reserve) left us last Friday for advance training. Art held enough positions for 10 men—steward, credit union treasurer, inspector in Engineering, etc. We're all sorry to see you leave us, Art, but are glad that you are going into a branch in the Army that you are keenly interested in.

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If you want to buy, sell or trade goats, see Don Filo of Dept. B. He is in the goat business. If you want ponies, see Ron Wilson. Wayne Edwards seems to be salesman.

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SHARE THE CANDY

Wouldn't it be nice if some of the girls in Dept. D would buy four or five candy bars instead of 10 at a time? Maybe then some of the others would have a chance to get at least one. Let's observe share-the-candy program in Dept. D. In fact, let's make that program plant-wide.

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Why such a concerned look on the faces of car owners who still had the $5 stamps in their pockets? Ignorance of the law is no excuse. Don't say, "They can't do this to us," because they did do it. Yep, they did.

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REGISTER

Election day is coming very soon and still the greater part of the working class has made no effort to register to make themselves eligible to vote. If you are not interested enough in politics to vote representatives of labor into office so that the working people will be represented as well as the big shots then stop grumbling about the increased cost of living and the small pay checks that some are still receiving.

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Happy Finch, who is everybody's friend, is back on the job looking as fit as a fiddle and that makes us all very happy.

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Cameron Weber of Engineering Plug Repair was all set to be a soldier boy, but the army doctors said no. Now Weber doesn't know whether the daily luch wagon was a curse or blessing.

National Supply

By "Shorty" Stager

GIVE A HAND

How about giving Walter Hickman of the Millwright dept. a great big hand? He deserves it because he shows his Union principles by being on hand for all Unit meetings. After you give Walter a hand, show him you approve of him by following his example.

SQUADRON

Those green shirted fellows you saw at the Unit picnic are the members of our new Squadron. The organization is composed of men who have proven themselves 100 per cent union minded and is for the purpose of protecting our fellow members. The boys have their duties arranged and we should all cooperate with them in helping them carry out their work.

HERE AND THERE

How could I forget to mention the most important part of our picnic? I mean the indoor game between the benedicts and batchelors (Married and single men to you) Of course, the married men won 11 to 6. On the other hand, how could they lose when a little short guy named Stager was doing the umpiring.

"Pork Chops" Winfray is changing his monicker to "Corn Meal Mush" since he had his teeth extracted. As soon as he gets the new choppers he will be known as "Porcelain".

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How to make friends and win people might be the idea that one of the plant guards had in mind when he was observed mowing a committeeman's lawn during his short vacation.

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Lt. Fred Batemenone of our good Union members has been promoted to flight commander and expects to come home on furlough next month. Congratulations.

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Bill Carico was walking around with that down in the jaw look on his face passing our cigars. It was a daughter. Better luck next time and anyhow, Bill, even Mrs. R. thinks a woman can be president.

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Louis Bateman is organizing a 4F club. Initiation $5.00 and no members admitted who don't want Louis for their president.

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Ray Peabody of our Unit now serving in Australia got himself engaged to a little Australian gal!

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Next Unit meeting is Sunday, July 25. Important business demands that you be there if it is at all possible.

Another important piece of business which a lot of you people have been overlooking and postponing is registering so you'll be able to vote this fall. Go to 217 Superior St. any day from 9:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. and get yourself in shape to elect a labor candidate.

Rathbun Reporter

By Drexal O'Neil.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of the late James Paluzak. Read St. John 3:16.

The picnic program promises plenty of "Phun" and prizes for all who enter the events. Peanut Scramble for three year olds. Girls 50 yd. race, same for boys six to ten, prizes, soft ball and bat and a purse. For the kiddies who are a bit older we have a sack race and a shoe scramble, prizes, a model plane and a diary. Show me a girl 11 to 16 that doesn't wish she had a diary. The competition stiffens for those young people of 16 yrs. and over. 100 yd. races for defense stamps. Oh! Oh! run boys, run, a husband calling contest, no fair using a telephone. Next will be a chicken race, open to all, ration point shy families take notice that the prize will be two chickens.

Soft ball game, largest family, treasure hunt, ball pitching, horse shoe pitching, why, who says we won't have fun? The festivities will end on a somber note (for the men) because last but not least there will be a rolling pin throwing contest. To impress us men that we had better be in shape for the next days labor? Guess what the prize is for that one. Yep, one of those weapons, a rolling pin. The jokes about rolling pins are about as hackneyed as those about mother-in-laws but the threat is there. Advice: don't start edging back to the bar until you have seen how fast and accurately your wife can heave it. (Or do you know already?)

Each ticket has a serial number. Tear it out at the gate and keep it with you. George Rathbun, Jr., will furnish a prize for the drawing. Sort of a "gate prize" shall we say?

Mr. Editor give me just a little more space. I want to tell the world that Heine Szeve, our Unit Chairman, is the proud father of a 8 lb. plus baby boy. O.K. Ollie, thanks a lot. (You're welcome pal).

War Worker Married On Production Line

ATLANTA, Ga., July 19—The bride couldn't leave her work in the shell factory, so the marriage was performed there with the conveyor line decorated with orange blossoms and smilax. Then everyone went back to work making messages to Hitler and Tojo.

That is what happened when Miss Hilda Butler, of the Murray Company, and W. H. Crawford, district director of the United Steelworkers of America, CIO, decided to marry.

Mrs. Crawford, a Florida girl with ten years of trained nursing before she entered war work, first met her husband in meetings of the Steelworkers union. She was the first woman in the factory to sign a union card, and is now an official of the local union. Crawford came up from the ranks of the steel workers to become director of the union in six southern states.

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The Acklinite

By Lewis Mattox

Members of the Acklin Unit responded in a satisfactory manner to the CIO Overseas Cigarette Fund drive. Many attended the game Monday at Swayne Field.

UNIT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Unit will take place at Local 12 headquarters July 25 at 2 p. m. This is a very important meeting and everyone should make an earnest effort to attend.

PARADE CAPS

Give the new Union Labels store located in Local 12 a break and order your convention hats early. There is a Labor Day parade coming along and it might not be a bad idea to get your hat early and avoid the rush.

GONE FISHING

Two of our members have gone fishing with their husbands. Stella Miller and Sally Kaminski. There will be some fish stories to listen to when they return about the big ones that got away and pictures to prove the fishing was fine.

UNIFORMS

Members of the Acklin team in the Local 12 softball league will be given their uniforms early next week. Watch the bulletin boards for game schedules and then come out and give the team your support.

REGISTER

If you are getting sick of seeing this word register, why don't you go down to the Board of Elections and take care of this matter now? Then next week after you have registered, when you get this far you can skip it, secure in the knowledge that you can and will be able to vote for labor's candidates. Oh yeah? The Board of Elections is located at 217 Superior St., right next door to the Esquire Theatre.

Canco (1) Opener

By Ted Modrowski

THEY ARE SAYING—

Elmer Seegert is out looking for a good golf match. Line forms at the right fellows . . . Paul Herwat was caught in one of his romantic moods recently . . . Earl Jones is still trying to determine who his boss is . . . Walt Lewandowski is really a ladies' man now. Sir Walter Raleigh had nothing on our "Sir Walter" . . . Agnes Smith just loves to ride the trolley . . . Helen Grycza would like to take "Boss" Bailey's place some day . . . Herb Dickinson is wondering why he is losing out with all the new girls these days.

Our unit will furnish a rear guard for anyone going up to the machine shop . . . Young Cully is on the loose again . . . There actually are other plants in town that pay less than the third largest corporation in the world—American Can Co. Bet you didn't think it was possible . . . Ruby is still trying to prove that Frances Machinski is NOT a foreigner, and she can vote if she only registers. Have you registered? . . . Our recent cigarette campaign can be called a success even though some of the vets from the last war denounced it and hindered the drive by expressing their doubts. Other people we would excuse, but vets, shame on you . . . Frank Michalski gave the family a treat and took them all to the benefit ball game. In behalf of the boys overseas, thank you. Now let's sit right down and write a letter to our boys in camp. That's it—be a real buddy.

HOW TO INVESTIGATE

WASHINGTON—(FP)—Chairman James Fly of the Federal Communications Commission made public the complete text of a memorandum on how to conduct the Cox committee's investigation of FCC, prepared by a Hearst newspaperman and circulated by the committee's Wall Street counsel, Eugene L. Garey.

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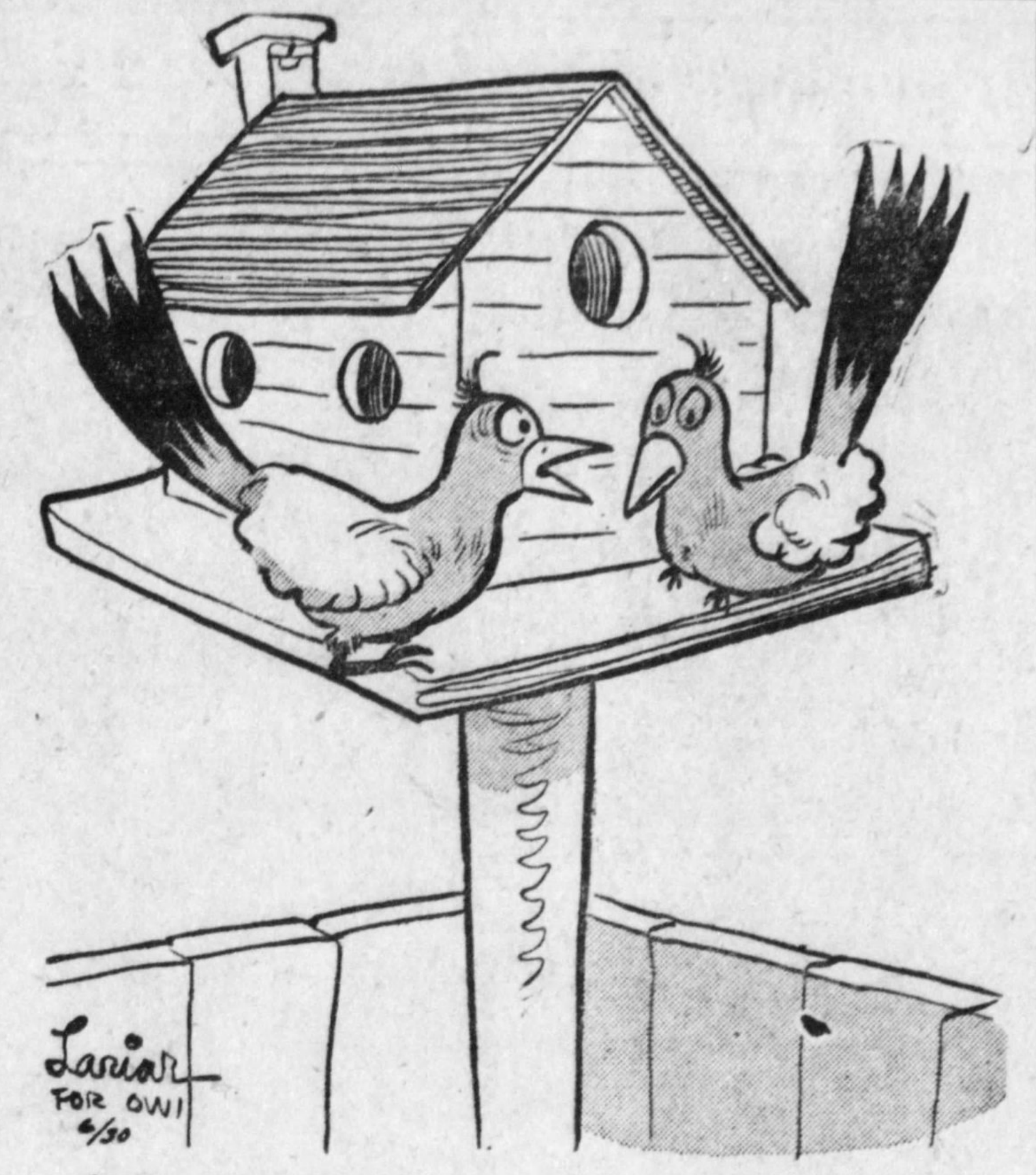

"OKAY, WE'LL GO NORTH – BUT THE ODT SAYS ONLY ONE VACATION THIS YEAR."

Your Standard of Living

By Clayton Rusch,
Chairman of the Food Price Control Committee,
Local 12, UAW-CIO

A COMMON INTEREST

Ever since the establishment of the rationing of commodities various spokesmen for the industrialists, including some members of Congress, have been attempting to show that there is no need of rationing and it is an unnecessary inconvenience. All these groups have one interest in common. That is to attempt to put the Roosevelt administration on the spot with the American people.

That rationing is inconvenient and, therefore, unpopular is not to be disputed, but to contend that it is unnecessary is another story. When we consider the fact that without rationing, those with the means would buy up everything, and those of limited means would go without, it becomes very easy to see whose interests those who condemn rationing, are consciously or unconsciously, serving.

Rationing is one of the hardships of war. It is far better to accept it without protest than to allow our resentment to be capitalized on by those who seek to ease the burden on the wealthy by increasing that of the workers.

MORE RATIONING

What is needed now is a further extension of rationing to the point where there shall be a just distribution of all consumers' goods of which there are shortages. This is the only way in which we can be sure that the workers who produce the equipment necessary to carry on the war can be assured of an adequate allotment of food and clothing.

The workers have shown themselves more than willing to make all the sacrifices necessary to win the war, but the industrialists want a "business-as-usual policy" for themselves, while at the same time, they demand ever greater and greater sacrifices from the workers.

We must realize the necessity of continuing all necessary sacrifices, and at the same time, recognize the program of the industrialists who are interested only in their own profits, and choose to make no sacrifices for the common welfare.

The workers must resolve to win the war against reaction on the home front too. We must get behind the price roll-back with all the support we can muster.

The Food Price Control Committee needs volunteers to check store prices. Those who feel they can give an hour or two a month for this assignment are asked to give their names and addresses to their unit chairman. The rationing of gasoline will not be an obstacle to the program of the Food Price Control Committee as each volunteer will be assigned to a store in his own neighborhoon.

American People Split On OPA

DENVER, July 20 (FP)—Half of the American people are satisfied and half are dissatisfied with the government's handling of price control, according to a nation-wide survey just completed by the National Opinion Research Center, University of Denver.

Forty-seven per cent of a typical national cross section believe the government is doing all it can to control rising prices, but 48% think the government is capable of doing a better job. The exact question read: "Do you think the government is doing all it can to control rising prices, or do you think it could do a better job?"

The final tabulation showed:

Government doing all it can	47%
Government could do better	48%
Undecided	5%

It is interesting that women, who do most of the actual buying in the United States, tend to give the government considerably more credit than do the men. Fifty per cent of the women think the government is doing all it can to control rising prices, in contrast to only 43% of the men.

As is probably to be expected, the most dissatisfied group of all is composed of persons who voted for the Republican presidential candidate in 1940. Sixty-one per cent of the Willkie voters, in contrast to 45% of 1940 Roosevelt backers, say the government could do a better job of controlling rising prices.

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AIR-WAY BLOWINGS

Lee Swietzer, production chief, deserves a lot of credit for the job he has accomplished. Things are really humming throughout the plant—and it's mostly due to his efforts. Dept. 12 is alive with activity now, and your Uncle Sam is sure to be pleased with the results. (Don't let that hat get too small for you, Lee!)

And while we're on the subject of production — let's forget our petty "beefs" and get our work done. If you do have a justifiable complaint let the committee handle it for you. That's what they're appointed for, and they must have your cooperation.

French (the Frog) Provencher has had a taste of what it is like to be a foreman. He was the happiest man in the shop when Dutch Pfleger came back from his vacation to relieve him of the job.

That eight-month-old son of Pete Bronkowski must be quite a boy. Pete says he'll have him playing handball at the "Y" this fall, and is already booking games.

Al Cherry gave up his baseball career with Standard Communtator—but why? Maybe he found it easier and more profitable to do all of his "pitching" each noon.

Is it true that Al Jankowski's mother-in-law is moving in with Al? or vice versa? Al can hardly wait.

"Maggie" Stutz finally got away on that vacation, after some very uncertain and anxious moments. We don't know how they did it, Maggie, but your department did manage to struggle along while you were gone.

John Z. Green claims the distinction of being the only man in the plant to have had a town named after him. (Editor's note: This isn't that old saw about Marblehead, is it?)

Commutator Comments

By Harry Boose

HIT AND RUN

The ball game between the shop employees and the office force was a hit and run affair. Although the shop team won the real ball game 18 to 7, but the last game lasted five innings. I don't know who took the most punishment, the players or the keg. I know the office team could have used more rubbing alcohol, because they were still complaining three days after. The office team had the real spirit but I think they know now that they need more training.

Giving to the war effort is more than just living up to the law during the duration. The men in the armed services are from your own families and neighborhood. They need all the help we can give them, no matter what kind of help it is, or how small. When the soldiers come back, it would be better to face German bullets than our own army. Now we look upon these boys as our friend and protector, after a while it will be too late. After this war no one knows how things will turn.

The past few weeks sugar has been rationed at our shop. Even the bosses don't take time to look over and see how much is left.

I don't quite know what happened to Julie's ducks, but it seems to me the police and the navy could help, at least the navy. The ducks are sea-going birds.

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Willys Seeing Eye

By Claude Hess

AGAIN—REGISTER

Brothers and Sisters! This is a message to all members. CIO and all of organized labor is putting on a drive to get everyone registered, and if you are one of those members, please heed this.

Some of the greatest and best laws that favor us, and some of the rottenest, are coming up before Senate and Congress before long, and we are sure that if everyone of our members are registered and able to vote this fall, we can force that bunch of tories in Washington to vote favorably on these bills that favor us.

One of the bills we refer to is the Wagner-Murray-Dingell Social Security bill, better known as the Cradle to the Grave bill. Something that will benefit everyone. How many of you who work in different departments have complained to your executive committee that you are not receiving enough wages? You know what the answer is. We cannot do a thing for you as you are up to the standard of the Little Steel Formula.

Stop and think! If everyone in our organization was 21 years old and registered to vote, we could crack that formula. But, at the present time, we are helpless as you do not do the one thing that would help you the most. We are asking you to take time and help yourself by registering at 217 Superior St. and then we can use the pressure on those "politicians" who control the War Labor Board. Please help us to help you.

DEPT. 103

Dept. 103 held a first and second shift meeting Sunday, July 7, at Local 12, with the majority of the members attending. The meeting was presided over by Claude Hess and George Furlong, better known as Cracker to all his friends.

Cracker was able to answer any questions regarding drop hammers put to him by the brothers of this department, as he has had about 17 years' experience in hammer shops. The meeting was enjoyed by all members who attended. Refreshments in liquid form were served following the meeting. It was a fine meeting and a dandy party, but we would suggest, if they have another one, it should be held in a 40-acre field so the would-be Thomases and Carusoes can let their voices out in full blast. We would also like to suggest to you that the floor is hard on the knees and to bring cushions with you.

Speaking of parties and picnics, did you know it will soon be time for our fourth annual picnic, and we old members are getting more excited every day waiting for Aug. 7 to roll around. Quit your yowling about losing a day. All work and no play makes us sleepy and crabby. What do you say? Let's all go, but, most important of all, take the kiddies. Where? Why, at Forest Park on the Woodville Rd.

DEPT. 308

Salome Lis, better known as Sally, has been confined to Mercy Hospital due to an appendectomy. We understand she has a mid-line now. Whatever do you suppose that is?

Bill Segruin is also off on a sick leave. I sincerely hope your'e doing OK and will be with us again soon.

Edith Tressler is away to see her hubby in the Army. I'll bet Edith knows the real meaning of the old saying, "Absence makes the heart grow fonder"!

Laura Polus is away on leave due to family illness. It is too bad, Laura, but I guess we've all got our worries these days.

BOSSES' BRAINS

We often wonder what makes half an ounce of brains of so the bosses tick. Where do the their ideas? We know them some of the greatest buck-pas that ever inhabited the earth

Do you ever read the pape the laws that are enacted by would-be members of legis that you help elect? One of vicious laws is against the w and girls of the Stat is known as the Ross ing the working ho women of this state, redeeming part of this any girl who is less tha of age cannot work lat p. m.

The would-be bosse and still persist in sion young girls, who will be our sisters some day, they would allow them to work after 10 p. m., but the union will not allow it. Why don't you be honest with yourself and everyone under you, and tell them the TRUTH. You are not that dumb, and if you are, we wonder why the company keeps you as boss. All we can say is, wak and quit lying before caught.

The brothers and si Willys Unit wish to convey the sympathy to the family and esp cially to the wife and the new-bo child of Brother Bernard J. Sha of Dept. 645, who passed aw on Monday, July 12, 1943.

Meetings Changed

Regular monthly meeting of the Local 12 Educational Committee has been changed from the first to the fourth Sunday of each month. The next meeting will be held at Local 12 headquarters, 425 Winthrop St., Sunday, July 25, Parlor C. 2.00 p. m.

Union Store Catching On

William Healey, chairman of the Local 12 Union Labels committee in charge of the Union Goods Store in the lobby of the Local 12 dues office, expressed himself as pleased with the first week the store has been open. "We are starting off easy with just a few items," said Mr. Healey, "but we are hopef that we may gradually add to inventory and make it a big thi

Local 12 members are urged stop and look over the store's play when they are paying th dues, and are asked to order th convention hats early. Members the Labels Committee are in cha of the store, which is open eac Monday and Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 8:30 p. m.

FEPC To Hold Hearings

WASHINGTON—(FP)— Hearings on discrimination in the railroad industry will be held Sept 15-17, Chairman Francis J. Haa, of the Fair Employment Practices Committee announced.

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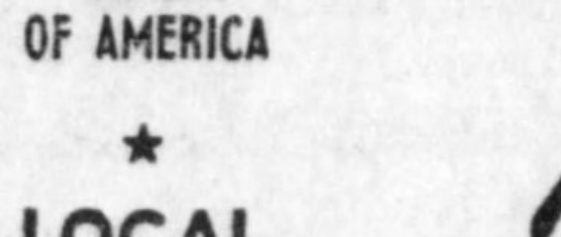

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Remember what happened last fall wh we neglected to register and vote?

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riminal Waste

Disclosure that Toledo wholesale deal[illegible]ave been dumping fresh vegetables, [illegible]o spoilage, because of their failure to [illegible] prices up, comes as a distinct shock in [illegible]se days when our country is in the [illegible] great war.

[illegible] difficult to understand the eco[illegible]ic of wholesalers, seeking to ele[illegible]s, and their action in permitting [illegible]ties to spoil, rather than cut their [illegible]

[illegible] it easy to understand the failure [illegible]o investigate and reveal this waste of food without being forced to make some gesture by the Labor Advisory Commission, whose members apparently know more about the local food situation than the officials of the Office of Price Administration.

Workers who strike have been subjected to a terrific barrage of criticism on [illegible]sides for impeding the war effort; but [illegible]lers, who go on strike, are over[illegible]r at best, given a gentle slap on the wrist.

Food is as essential to winning the war [illegible]s guns, ammunition, tanks and other [illegible]rmament. We are constantly being exhorted by placards, bearing the name of the OPA, not to waste food, yet the OPA is powerless to prevent large scale waste of food according to its own admission.

The people of Toledo and other cities, who work for a living, should immediately demand a thorough investigation of these conditions which exist in Toledo and other places, and ask that the Government punish those who are as guilty of sabotage of the war effort as the fifth columnist who seeks to destroy or hamper the war effort.

In time of peace, dumping of food stuffs to artificially create price raises is a bad practice, but in time of war, waste of food because of selfish profiteering [illegible]tives approaches treason.

Maxon Resigns

Lou Maxon, head of one of the largest advertising firms in the country catering to the food business, has resigned from the Office of Price Administration.

In resigning under fire, Mr. Maxon has given admission to the truth of the charges leveled at him by R. H. Thomas, president of the United Auto Workers and other labor leaders, who have sought for months to force his resignation or have him discharged.

Maxon's "error" in securing rationing stamps for his palatial summer home in Michigan under the pretext that it was used for his employees, was such a palpable distortion of fact that nobody really believed that it was an error.

Efforts to whitewash Maxon also proved a failure, for the efforts to give him a clean bill of health simply added to the conviction that he was being defended to preserve the OPA, rather than save Maxon from the criticism he so richly earned.

In resigning, the advertising man could not help but write "copy" denouncing the make-up of the OPA and condemning its professorial personnel, a peevish gesture which could not possibly aid Maxon's cause; but which was calculated to add to the distrust of the public of OPA.

Maxon is gone; but the interests which he represented as a member of the OPA will remain. As usual, they will still seek to defeat the purpose for which the agency was created, and will endeavor, by every means at their command, to prevent anything that will be of benefit to the majority of the people from becoming effective.

That the OPA still exists is due principally to labor which has constantly sought to make the office effective, and has which brought every influence to bear to keep it from being destroyed.

Price control must be sustained, not only in principle, but in fact. If we are going to avoid inflation with all its evils, Maxon and his kind must be sought out [illegible] exposed, and continued efforts made [illegible]ure a price control that is really [illegible]e. Maxon is gone; but there are [illegible]more Maxon's scattered throughout [illegible]bureaus in Washington.

rette Fund Succeeds

[illegible]rts of the Toledo CIO Council to [illegible] funds for 10,000,000 cigarettes for [illegible] servicemen serving in all parts of [illegible]he world have proven highly successful.

Cooperation of CIO Locals, Toledo in[illegible]ustries and private individuals to make the drive a success proves that we are united in our concern to make the lot of our fighting men just a trifle easier.

Those who aided in the drive deserve [illegible]dit for their support in this efffort to [illegible]g a bit of comfort and satisfaction to those who are sacrificing so much for their country.

On The Beam

By Clayton W. Fountain

AN ENIGMA?

In the days when Americans were still bickering about whether or not to take sides in the war against Fascism, some of the loudest isolationists opposed American involvement in the world struggle on the grounds that participation in the war would result in a black-out of democracy at home.

Clayton W. Fountain

It would have seemed that after the Japs made the decision for us at Pearl Harbor, the isolationist defenders of the democratic cause should have labored mightily to prevent their prophecies from coming true.

But, on the contrary, the prewar prophets of political perfidy have turned their talents to promotion of the very evil against which they once preached so fervently.

THE PRICE OF VICTORY

Oddly enough, many of the voices which now demand that democratic processes be put in cold storage for the duration speak with the same tongues that once declaimed against this dangerous notion. The advocates of victory at any price sound suspiciously like the same soothsayers who argued that American participation in the war would sound the death knell of democracy.

There is a deadly consistency of purpose, however, in this seeming reversal of philosophy.

The reactionary isolationists opposed American involvement in the war because they were in agreement with the Nazi methods of regimenting labor and suppressing the common people. They knew that the defeat of Fascism and Nazism would result in a sharp set-back of their own schemes for suppressing the rising political power of the working folks in America.

THE SAME OBJECTIVES

In spite of the verbal fury with which the Upper Crust now lends its support to the war against Fascism, the monarchs of the money-bags still have their eyes on the same objectives—they still conspire to prevent the American common people from compelling the rich minority to bow to the will of the poor majority. Unable to stop America from fighting Hitler, whose labor policies they admire, the tycoons of big business seek to use the war effort as an alibi for imitating Nazi techniques.

It is the hope of the monied gentry that, at the end of the war, labor will be completely shackled by repressive laws, and that the saddles of political power will be filled by politicians totally subservient to the sign of the dollar.

SPECIAL BRAND OF DEMOCRACY

All the passionate protestations of democratic faith which issue from the penthouses are peculiar to the special brand of democracy promulgated by the rich. To them democracy means the right to get rich and stay rich, to wring millions in profits from the laboring masses, without interference from any source. It is, in short, a kind of dollar democracy that the wealthy ones have in mind every time they run a poetic full page advertisement in the daily press.

The confusion, bickering, bitterness and endless political pulling and hauling which now convulses America, to the injury of the war effort, stems from the determination of the Upper Crust to fight the war on its own terms and, at the same time, to remake America in the image of Mammon.

That is why the believers in real democracy face the double task of defeating the "dollar democrats" at home and rallying the common people around war aims that will inspire them to give their all to the offensive against Nazism, Fascism and Japanese Imperialism.

Editor's Mail

COOLING OFF PERIOD

Dear Sir:

I read in the press just recently in a U.P. release that Chairman Hatton W. Sumners (D., Tex), of the House Judiciary Committee proposed a constitutional amendment providing for a 30-day cooling-off period on presidential vetoes.

Now that the Smith-Connally anti-strike bill has been passed over the President's veto in a moment of heat and a desire for revenge, it will be interesting to watch developments on Chairman Sumner's proposal.

The 30-day cooling-off period between the date of the Presidential veto and the time Congress votes on it a second time. "This would give the people a chance to record their opinion of who is right and who is wrong in such a difference of opinion," he said. "Congress as the people's representative, should wait awhile before casting its second vote on a bill that has been vetoed by the President. There should be enough time to permit the voters to react."

Now then, Chairman Sumners also sponsored a resolution to amend the Constitution to provide that Congress could override a Presidential veto by a simple majority rather than the two-thirds now required. He said the waiting period could be fitted into the measure and intimated that he would insert it after the congressional recess.

I do not profess to be a student of politics, but it strikes me that amending the Constitution to the point where a simple majority vote would override a Presidential veto would more than offset the good that might be done for the voters by establishing a cooling-off period for them to voice their sentiments to their elected representatives.

Further than that it appears to me by reading the article that Congress intends to do nothing about the Smith-Connally bill except let it stand as it now is. For that reason I believe that it will be interesting to watch developments. It is my guess that the same reactionary Congress that jammed the Smith-Connally bill over the President's veto, will try and jam Chairman Sumners' proposal to amend the Constitution through.

Howard Seren
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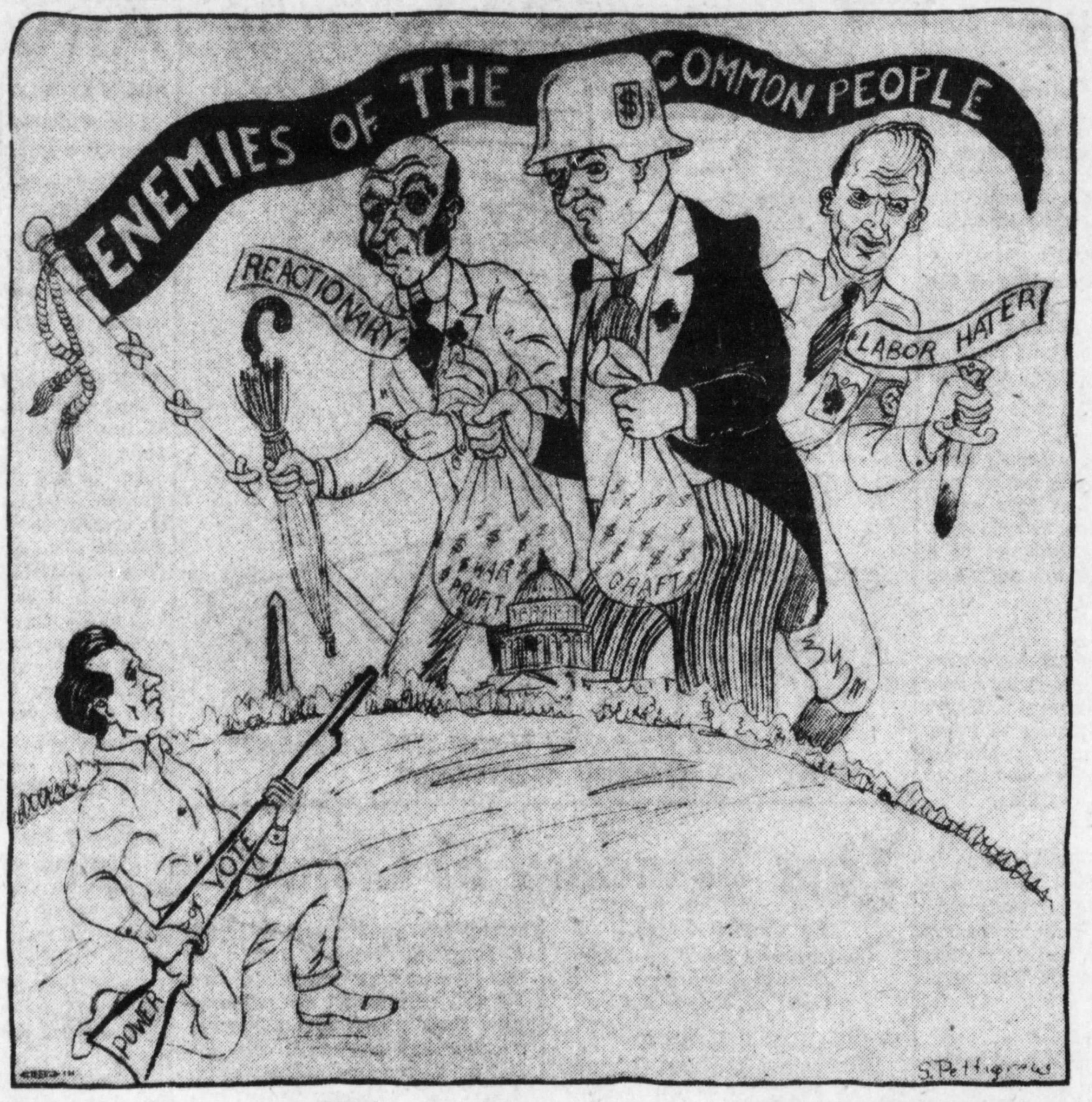
Prime Your Gun-Register Now

By Pettigrew



It's News To Me

By O. J. Pecord

CONGRESS

Congress has surrendered to its inertia and the heat of Washington and gone home for a two month vacation.

Congressmen will hurry to their own districts to feel the public pulse by speaking before Chambers of Commerce, noon-day luncheon clubs, garden clubs, and anybody who wants to listen to them.

O. J. Pecord

Congressmen will explain their position on various highly controversial measures, and not forget to remind their constituents of their efforts to reach into the pork barrel for benefits for their own districts, while calling down the wrath of heaven upon governmental wastefulness.

Congressmen who are good politicians will place their best ear to the ground seeking to discover what the true sentiment of their district is.

LOOKING BACK

It seems to me that we are constantly looking back and comparing the what-is, with the what-might-have-been. This should prove that most of us are gifted with more hindsight than foresight, which is beside the point. But as we look back, we remember how disappointed we were when we discovered that the workers in Pennsylvania were very busy and thought the workers in Ohio would vote, while the workers in Ohio were positive that the workers in Michigan would not elect an unfriendly Congress so none of them voted.

A lot of fellows like myself took our typewriter in hand to make dire predictions, and told the workers that something was in store for them which would not do them or their cause any good.

Some particularly gifted prophets said that labor's gains under the New Deal would fade away like snow under a hot sun when the 78th Congress got working out on them.

But all the writers and prognosticators of doom were models of understatement and restraint in the light of what Congress has done since January of this year.

THE FUTURE

What the future will bring to Labor from the 78th Congress is a matter of speculation, for it must be obvious to Congress that there is a ground swell of resentment and dissatisfaction on the part of labor, which is slowly but surely growing in strength and intensity.

Had the Smith-Connally Act not been passed over the presidential veto, chances are that a large segment of the rank and file of labor would still be indifferent. But the Smith-Connally bill did something for the labor movement which labor leaders had found difficult to accomplish. It has awakened workers to their danger.

Now I am neither a black pessimist nor a hopeless optimist; but I do believe that the congressional recess following hard upon the heels of the Smith-Connally Act, and the refusal of Congress to permit subsidies for the price rollbacks desired by labor and the administration are a fortunate portent.

Needless to say I do not go about looking for omens; but in the congressional recess I see an opportunity for labor to make its voice heard, and to impress upon its congressmen and senators its exact opinion of what has happened, and what it wants to see happen in the future.

WHAT LABOR WANTS

While our congressmen are home, we can tell them what we want. We can tell them that we want price rollbacks, and that if subsidies are necessary to achieve them, then we want them to vote for, and not against price subsidies.

Labor wants the Smith-Connally bill killed, not only because it is a vicious and self-defeating law; but because Labor doesn't need compulsion to get it to do its part in winning the war. Labor's record, with the exception of a small segment, has been better than ever before in time of war.

Those who lead labor should take advantage of their opportunity to discuss their problems, and hopes, and aspirations with their representatives. Congressmen, at least most congressmen, are becoming more interestd in what labor thinks and wants, since labor is becoming more interested in telling Congress what it objects to, and is threatening to again do what it has done before.

THEY SWEETEN UP

When Congress reconvenes in September, the legislation that is leveled against labor is going to depend, to a very considerable extent, upon the way labor uses the summer to prove to Congress that labor must not be shoved around by using the war and patriotism as the excuse for the shoving.

It is my conviction that there will still be plenty of heat put on organized labor for the balance of this year; but I am positive that when 1944 rolls around that there will be a gradual, perhaps a quick about face on the part of Congress with respect to labor.

After all, 1944 is another congressional election and our representatives do like their jobs even if it does get hot in Washington in the summer. Congressmen will be campaigning in earnest next year because it is also presidential year, and from all indications it is going to be the beginning of the campaign to stop Roosevelt from running for his fifth term.

LITTLE LUTHER

(Note to Readers: Little Luther asked to be excused this week in deference to his cousin, Pat, a war worker who had a conversation with his boss last week.*)

Pat: Good morning, Mr. Dupont.

Dupont: Good morning, Pat. What's on your mind?

Pat: I've a great idea, Mr. Dupont.

Dupont: Always glad to get ideas from my workers—let's have it.

Pat: I'm thinking of setting up a union for the manufacturers.

Dupont: What are you trying to do—kid me, Pat? I already belong to a union, the Natl. Assn. of Manufacturers.

Pat: Oh, they are a bunch of outside radicals. I mean we should have our own manufacturers' union right here at Remington. We can be independent.

Dupont: No manufacturer can be independent today, Pat. He's got to belong to a union with a nationwide hookup.

Pat: See here, Mr. Dupont. Why can't we keep it right here in our family at Remington?

Dupont: But, Pat, my boy, no manufacturer can live alone. I have ties with manufacturers not only in the U. S. but all over the world. My interests are global.

Pat: Let's stick to Bridgeport. Forget this international globaloney.

Dupont: Now look here, Pat. There's a war on. This is the time to make hay, and my union does a job for us in Washington.

Pat: I don't believe in mixing politics with unions.

Dupont: Really, Pat, you hand me a laugh. Everything is political today. My profits, your wages.

Pat: Why pay dues to an outside organization? My union will only charge $1 a year.

Dupont: You're a Remington worker. I'm a manufacturer. Why should you set up a worker-dominated manufacturers' union? My economic interests are different from yours.

Pat: Well, you set up the Remington Independent, didn't you?

Dupont: So what?

Pat: What's sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander.

Dupont: You must think I'm as gullible as those who pay dues to the Remington Independent.

Pat: Well, Mr. Dupont, if you won't join—then there are other ways.

Dupont: Don't try to bully me, wise guy. I won't stand for it. I'll have my poll tax friends in congress pass a national manufacturers relations act.

I'll make it illegal for you to set up a worker-dominated manufacturers' union.

Pat: That's communistic. Martin Dies and Pegler will hear about this!

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What's New

PERSONALITIES AND PREJUDICES

All of us are psychologists at heart. At least we try to be, and if we aren't good ones we're the last persons to admit it. We can tell a character by studying his features, or by the sound of his voice, or by the clothes he wears, or if we're conceited enough, by a sixth sense which we call intuition.

Edward J. Duck

That's our story and most of us are stuck with it. There is a certain degree of truth in each of the above methods of character analysis, but after you have dealth with large groups of people you understand why students of psychology also take a course in logic.

Logic is the art of thinking correctly, of analyzing situations and propositions, and if we would only use more logic and less psychology we would be infinitely better off.

Evidence of illogical thinking is found in the variety of prejudices we entertain. Probably ten million people don't like John L. Lewis because of his heavy eyebrowns, but these same people don't condemn him one iota for his antagonism toward President Roosevelt!

One German paperhanger goes haywire, and immediately millions of Americans start calling all their fellow citizens of German descent the most derogatory names imaginable, and to hear them tell it you're a Nazi spy if your name happens to be Ehrhardt, Bernhardt, or just plain Hardt: If Ireland joined the Axis, they'd have it in for the Kellys, Moores, McCormacks and McGintys. And so on.

Millions more don't like Jews. "They own the world, they caused the War, they did "this" and they did "that", and maybe Hitler had something there!" How many times have you heard this song and dance?

AIDS TO PREJUDICE

Probably Westbrook Pegler does more to aid prejudices than anyone else, and because I have a profound and "logical" dislike of "Chesthook" I am pleased to think that this is so. My reason is that he has, upon occasion, written scathing denunciations, if you wish to call them that, directed toward the British, the French, the Germans, the Jewish, the Chinese, the Japanese, and just about every other race or nationality you could think of. I don't particularly recall the Negro having come in for his share of the abuse, but I can't (logically) understand how Pegler could miss such a vulnerable target, especially when the economic problem enters into the picture as it does.

The UAW-CIO constitution speaks quite plainly in outlining a ban on racial or religious discrimination, but I have found that many of us are quick to resent prejudice when it's our toes that are being trodden upon, altho we don't care if we do indulge in a bit of thoughtless and ignorant denunciation of the other person's ancestry or belief.

LET PEG DO IT

Let Pegler carry the ball for the bigots and the prejudiced,—don't you do it. If he keeps it up he'll have taken care of all the races there are, and then everybody will be mad at him, and we can bury his literary corpse, and his owners can use the money they are paying him for any number of more worthwhile uses. A beautiful thought, isn't it?

Let's all start thinking about idolizing principles, rather than personalities, and make darned sure we aren't too loyal to a prejudice. Let's judge people by their record, and forget about not liking them on "general principles". Let's settle down and do a bit of solid thinking on our own. Let's remember what our organization used to be and what it is today. We've had our growing pains, and we're ready to wear long pants now. If a person has a good idea, cheer him for it and give him your support, even if you and he don't get along on the basis of personalities. No two people think alike, and everyone has his faults, but as long as his mistakes are honest ones, forgive him and help him to do the right thing. Lastly, don't let friendship interfere with your convictions—think for yourself, and speak out—don't let others do your thinking for you. That's what Pegler wants you to do!

Regional Views

By Richard Gosser, Director,
Region 2B, UAW-CIO

A MILD LAW?

Many Washington writers are trying to make it appear that the Smith-Connally Act is a mild piece of legislation which is meaningless if the unions will just be good little boys and girls.

As a matter of fact, the Smith-Connally Act is one of the worst anti-labor bills which has been passed by Congress in many years, for it contains provisions which are far-reaching in their effects and which could, and possibly will, prove harmful to labor.

Richard Gosser

CONTRIBUTIONS

In the matter of forbidding unions from contributing to the campaign of any candidate for federal office, the law states that any union which makes any contribution to the campaign of any federal office seeker is liable to prosecution under the terms of the act.

This can be broadly interpreted, for the contribution does not necessarily need be in the form of funds given directly to any particular candidate's campaign; but may be in the form of handbills, paying for radio time to advance the candidate's campaign, or in other ways doing anything for the candidate. The law is based on the fact that any efforts of the union in behalf of a candidate costs money and is therefore a contribution to the campaign.

The law goes even further than this, for it also contains the idea that if a union gave one of its officers a leave of absence and that officer received any money from his organization whatever and at the same time was aiding the campaign of any federal office seeker, the union would be guilty of breaking the law.

NOT MILD LAW

From just these few illustrations, it can be seen that instead of being the mild law that some of its adherents claim it is, the Smith-Connally Act is one of the worst pieces of vicious anti-labor legislation that has been written in many years. It is full of possibilities which may not become apparent until next year when the presidential and congressional elections are held, when it will no doubt be used against labor.

Defenders of the Smith-Connally bill like to point out that corporations are forbidden to contribute to political campaigns and they, too, are held in check by law. This is pious hypocrisy, for nobody believes that corporations sit idly back and watch political campaigns go on without aiding those they believe are friendly to their cause.

Labor unions have not been hypocrites. They have openly and boldly aided their friends, and now they, too, are being asked by those who wrote the Smith-Connally bill to do as the corporations do and keep the letter but not the spirit of the law.

This is just one phase of a law which will be better understood as we see how it is going to be directed against labor unions. As the many ways which the law provides of harassing unions unfold, the resentment against the law will grow, until eventually, perhaps before the war is over, the law will either be amended or a labor crisis may arise.

It is my opinion that the law was ill-advised and ill-timed, regardless of what excuses its defenders may give, and I fear that it will, by its very nature, defeat the purpose for which it was supposed to have been written — stoppage of strikes during the war.

Follow The Rules

By Melvin Schultz,
President, Local 12, UAW-CIO.

GRIEVANCE PROCEEDURE

In the UAW-CIO constitution and in the contract of every shop under the UAW-CIO jurisdiction, there are rules and regulations set up outlining the procedure to be followed in grievances.

Those who have a grievance to settle should acquaint themselves with the procedure to be used, since this is one of the first and foremost concerns of the union.

Melvin Schultz

Proper following of the grievance procedure would go a long way to solve the problems, not only of the workers, but of your committeemen, executive committee and local officers.

EXCEPTIONS

Many times members of various units call the Local and in some cases even the regional office with their grievances, seeking advice, or lodging their grievance before they have even submitted it to their steward or executive committeeman.

This is a distinct error, for it not only causes the local and regional office undue and unnecessary effort which cannot help the one with the complaint; but it causes resentment on the part of departmental stewards and executive committeemen when they find that a grievance has been taken over their heads before they know the details of the case, or before it was submitted to them.

READY TO HELP

Grievances should be turned over to your departmental steward and go from there to the executive committeeman and executive committee. If you do not receive satisfaction, the local has officers who are ready and willing to aid in adjusting your case.

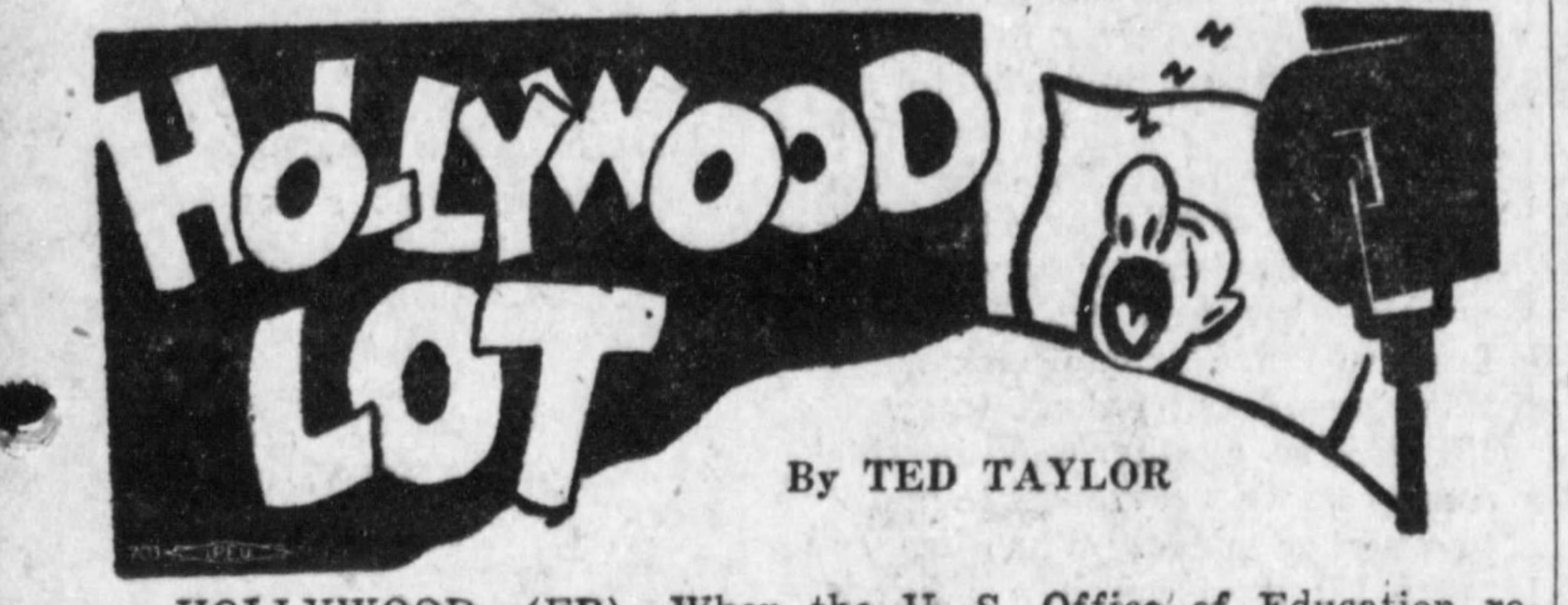
When all the usual channels have been exhausted and you still feel that you have not secured satisfaction, then your case may be brought before the Local.

I am certain that the case is the exception rather than the rule when you cannot settle your grievance through the usual and normal procedure set up in your shops. Moreover, I am convinced that many cases could be settled far more promptly and satisfactorily if those having grievances would refer them first to their own shop stewards and executive committeemen.

Members of Local 12 can rest assured that I shall be more than willing to aid them after the proper procedure has been followed; but I do not approve taking grievances over the heads of the committee in the shop until the procedure calls for it.

Your shop committee in my opinion will your case fairly and do the right thing in greater majority of the cases, and I ask that therefore take your cases to them first. I have desire to interfere in the affairs of any shop have every confidence that your committee trusted to do the proper thing.

Cigarette Fund Drive Ends In Mud Hen Victory



By TED TAYLOR

HOLLYWOOD—(FP)—When the U. S. Office of Education refused to let a course in industrial wage administration be included in the University of California's war training program, the Conference of Studio Unions arranged to sponsor the course on an individual tuition basis. More than 30 officers and representatives of Hollywood unions and guilds are enrolled for the 11-tecture series on wartime wage control.

The course is based on National War Labor Board procedures and is conducted by Paul Prasow, a WLB disputes officer, on his personal time. The class is subject to postponement whenever the instructor gets a field assignment.

Wartime wage control is studied both in its historical and its contemporary aspects. History in this case began Jan. 12, 1942, with the WLB. The contemporary period relates to what happened this week.

Smith-Connally Bill Analyzed

At the opening session the war labor disputes act (Smith-Connally bill) was analyzed. After which one business agent commented soberly that a more accurate title would be the war strike authorization act.

This university extension classroom is the union hall of the Screen Cartoonists, the boys and girls whose films are applauded before the audience sees them.

SURRENDER. A film about the dangers of inflation was shown for one day in several Los [illegible] theaters. It was with- [illegible] next day on orders from [illegible]ington. Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau asked M-G-M to make the film for national release, apparently changed his mind after congress went berserk.

CAMOUFLAGE. If you're interested in how Republic will deal with Kaiser shipbuilding on the screen, watch for "Man From Frisco." The title was changed from "Victory Fleet." Apparently "victory" isn't good boxoffice these days.

"This Is The Army" Non-Profit

Hollywood bought 10 Broadway plays for $2,030,000 last season. For 22 others the studios paid $578,000, which brings the average down. These play buys are in addition to Hollywood's financing of 14 Broadway shows the past year.

Highest play price was $300,000, paid by 20th-Fox for "The Eve of St. Mark.". (Same as 20th paid last year for "The Moon Is Down").

At $265,000 "Somthing for the Boys" went to 20th and "Without Love" to M-G-M. Altogether M-G-M bought $987,000 worth of plays and 20th $790,000 worth.

Warners paid $250,000 for rights to film "This Is The Army," but will get no profit from it. Company estimators viewed the picture that has been made from Irving Berlin's army show and figure it will net $10,000,000. The profits are pledged to Army Emergency Relief.

The Indian Sign

MINORITY GAIN. American Indians have been granted more democracy, according to the 20th-Fox exec who arranged for filming much of Buffalo Bill on the Crow reserve in Montana. He found that movie companies now have to deal directly with agency superintendent and tribal council to get such permission. The film man sat through a 7-hour pow-wow to get his deal, after which the contract went to the Indian Bureau in Chicago for ratification.

BEEF. The reason you won't see many stampedes in western pictures for the duration is that running a steer past a camera four or five times wears off as much as 100 pounds. Sweating off 30,000 pounds for a movie thrill is a lot of steak.

REAL BEEF. The old west is reviving in a realistic way. Donald Crisp reports several calves rustled from his ranch in the last few weeks.

AUXILIARIES AIM FOR FALL CAMPAIGN

WEST PARK, N. Y.—(FP)—Forty-three delegates from AFL, CIO and railroad union auxiliaries, called together by the Women's Trade Union League, voted to "put the heat" on their congressmen this summer in preparation for a new price control campaign in the fall. The delegates were mainly from New York, New Jersey and Massachusetts.

Great Lakes Water Level Is Higher

LANSING, July 21—Water levels on the Great Lakes are higher than they have been in 14 years or more, state conservation department geologists report from a study of data compiled by the United States Lake Survey office.

Lake Huron and Lake Michigan with a level of 581 feet above sea level are higher than at any period since 1929, when a level of 582.3 feet above sea level was recorded. Lake Superior with a level of 603.19 feet above sea level is challenging the modern high for that lake, which was 603.65, recorded in 1916. Lake Ontario with a level of 248.74 is higher now than it has been at any time since 1870, when it reached an all-time high of 250 feet above sea level. Lake Erie with a level of 574.05 is pushing the modern record for that lake of 574.3, which was set in 1929.

Since 1934, when water levels plunged to an all-time low, levels have steadily climed, until with the heavy rains of the last several years and especially of this spring, they have reached what geologists consider an abnormally high level, except Lakes Huron and Michigan, which are now at about a satisfactory normal.

Michigan Fishing Above Estimate

LANSING, July 20—Bearing out pre-season [illegible]culations, which predicted a 2[illegible] drop in the number of fishermen in Michigan during the 1943 season, figures announced by the state conservation department revealed a decline of just 20.05% in the number of fishing licenses sold through June—only slightly less than the estimate on which the department's budget for the 1943 season was based.

A total of 223,910 fish licenses were sold by the department during 1943 so far, as compared with 280,226 for the same period last year.

Accumulated figures for this year including the month of June, which includes the opening day of the general fishing season, showed about a 7% increase over the total for the first five months of 1943.

Employers Accused of Luring Mexicans

MEXICO CITY (FP)—Hundreds of Mexican workers are being lured illegally across the border by employers in the United States, the Nuevo Leon State Federation of Labor, an affiliate of the Confederation of Mexican Workers, charged July 12.

The charge was confirmed by the Mexican Department of Labor, which ordered its officials in the border country to be on watch for emigration of illegal nature and pointed out that workers accepting unauthorized employment are not covered by guarantees of wages, hours and repatriation contained in the Mexican-United States agreement on employment of farm workers.

The workers are also liable to deportation by United States authorities when discovered. Moreover, by accepting jobs at unauthorized wage rates they lower prevailing wages in that area. This danger is avoided in the case of authorized workers, whose wages must be the same as those normally paid in the region.

The exodus of Mexican workers, who are crowding registration centers for United States employment, is primarily attributed to higher wages there and to the staggering rise in Mexican living costs.

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Fishing With Bill Watt

OHIOANS HUNT

Ohio ranked third in the number of hunting licenses issued in the 1941-1942 season with a total of 614,106. Michigan was first with 846,869 and Pennsylvania second with 687,173. Unless something definite comes through from the OPA on ammunition allotments these totals will be drastically cut this season.

ARMY FISHING

Out in New Guinea a recent fishing expedition headed by an army corporal left rods, lines and reels at camp and sallied forth with two hand grenades. The boys paddled into a large school of kingfish and tossed one of the grenades into the midst of the finny tribe. Boom! Fish and salt water went skyward and the boys started to let out a series of whoops, dove in after the fish, and were busy gathering in the stunned fish until they had loaded the canoes with an estimated 8,500 fish, some weighing as high as five pounds. After reserving the part of their catch they wanted for themselves they went inland among the natives, bartering the remainder for fresh fruits and vegetables.

HIGH WATER

Heavy rains of the spring and early summer have left the waters of Lake Erie and the bay regions as much as four feet higher than last year. The recent break in the wall at Reno Beach and in the Bay Shore area resulted in heavy damage because of this and a strong northeastern wind.

One of our "ardent brother anglers" remarked the other day on his return from a week-end on Sandusky Bay that he had a real fishing set-up now. He said he could reach into the icebox (wonder why?) with one hand and pull in his catch with the other. Next step was cleaning the fish and putting them in a skillet on the stove all without any extra steps.

RABBIT FEVER

Hunters next fall will not need to be so much concerned with tuleramia or rabbit fever as the wildlife scientists have come up with a statement throwing light on the principal cause of the disease. Investigation has disclosed that the disease is prevalent only among the bunnies killed in the autumn before the frost and cool weather have come and chased away the ticks that nest in the fur of the rabbits.

The rabbit season will open late again this fall, on November 19, and close on January 11, allowing 10 extra hunting days. This, the scientists say, should go a long ways toward eliminating the dreaded disease by letting Mother Nature kill off the cause in the beginning.

Anyone who took pictures at the recent outing of the Toledo area sportsmen's clubs for the 'teen aged boys and girls should get in touch with George Smelzinger, Garfield 9687. Many of the youngsters who were deprived of their fishing contest through reported contamination of the pond enjoyed various contests and games. These young folks posed for several photographers and are desirous of obtaining copies of their likenesses.

SPINNERS

Spinners are so simple in their construction that to many anglers they are all alike. This lure has just as much scientific "fisherman talk" in its bright or dull finish as any of the most expensive rods, lines or reels. A good spinner should rotate when pulled slowly through the water. Any others should be discarded as surplus equipment in the kit. Most anglers use the bright finishes in cloudy water and dark weather and the dull finishes on sunny days and with clear water.

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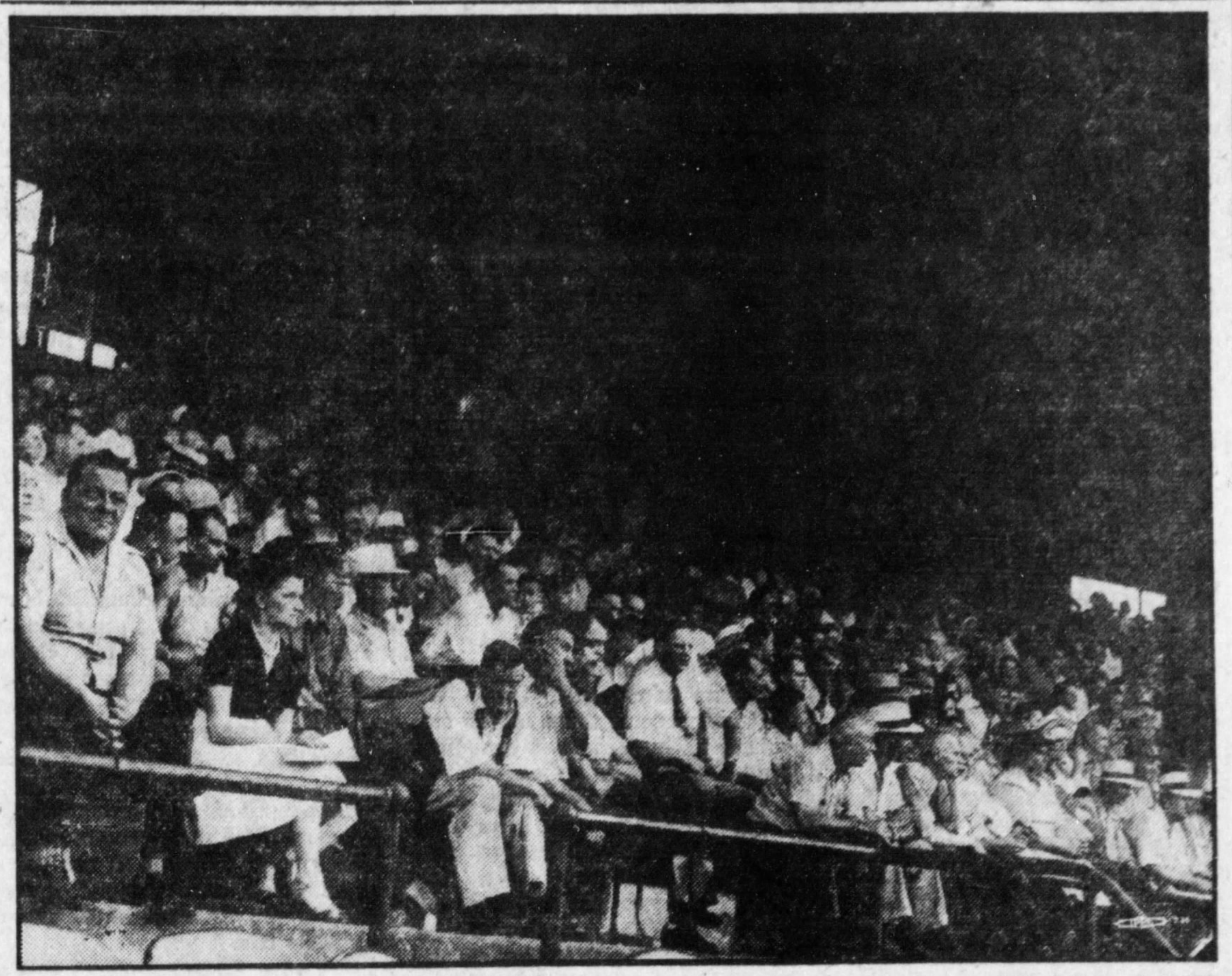

Port of the crowd that enjoyed the double-header at Swayne Field Monday night ending the CIO cigarette fund drive is shown above. More than 4,000 persons enjoyed the game, including 600 servicemen from Camp Perry, who came to see their team play the Toledo Mud Hens.

Weekly Sports Review

CIGARETTE FUND DRIVE

Our Mud Hens closed the CIO Cigarette Fund Drive in a blaze of runs and hits and good pitching that was worth more than the price of admission to Monday night's game.

Fannin, who did the pitching for the Hens, had them fannin (pun) all over the place. If the Camp Perry boys were as good as they were reported to be before the game, the way Fannin had the boys fanning was nothing short of phenomenal.

As for the UAW-CIO game against the Spicer team, our boys looked like they were suffering from a case of stage fright. Even Baxter, the Local 12 shortstop, was not up to his usual smooth form.

George Meese, who did the pitching for the Spicer team, looked even better than last year when he was tossing 'em in for the Local 12 team.

All in all, it was a nice evening even if the games were both a little one sided, and besides, the cause was worthwhile. As a result of the games and donations of others who could not attend the games, it appears that the CIO goal of 10,000,000 cigarettes for Toledo service men serving overseas will be realized.

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INDOOR

Willys-Overland still leads the Local 12 Softball League, what is more, the boys say they are going to win the pennant. Other teams in the league doubt the claim made by the Jeepmen and say they are going to have to prove it. So the race goes on with every team in the league trying their best to take the W-O crew in tow and nobody able to turn the trick, at least not up to the time this was written.

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TENNIS

Wonder whatever became of the Willys tennis team that was going to play in some association around town? If the boys and/or girls are doing anything, they ought to get themselves a publicity agent.

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GOLF

"Toots" Martin, who has recently taken up that ancient Scotch game yclept golf, went out a week ago to get his exercise and absorb some of the actinic rays from that hot body which is sometimes humorously referred to as old Sol.

"Toots" put the peg in the ground and prepared to tee off. He eyed the ball, looked far off into the distance to judge where he was going to drive it, drew back and let go. Swish, went the club through the air. Around went "Toots" with the follow-up. In fact, he went way around. He lost his balance and sat down with a dullthud upon the ground. He rose and gazed far into the distance with a stunned look on his face. Then Clem Holewinski pointed to the ball. "Toots" looked. The ball had rolled exactly one foot.

P. S.: "Toots" Martin very carefully and slowly seats himself on a chair with a cushion on it. He will resume golfing at a later date.

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BROADWAY & HOLLYWOOD

By Lee O. Lyon

Petite Heather Angel will probably be the first actress on the screen to fire an anti-aircraft gun. This action is required in a scene in M-G-M's "Cry Havoc", the film story of thirteen women on Bataan. Preparing for this scene Heather has spent the past month visiting and practicing at anti-aircraft posts.

Although she will not attend school for another two years, six year old Margaret O'Brien received an exceptionally high I. Q. rating from Mrs. Vita Geddes, studio teacher, assigned by the Los Angeles Board of Education to instruct juvenile actresses.

Margaret, who does kindergarten work under Mrs. Geddes' supervision revealed talents excelling in drawing and memory. She will be able to read and write, Mrs. Geddes reports, before she enters the first grade in school.

The Greeks may have had a word for almost everything, but it took the Persians to interest shapely Esther Williams, who will soon be seen in M-G-M's "A Guy Named Joe." Recently Miss Williams ran across an article explaining that Esther in Persian meant "star". A few days later she was handed the lead opposite Red Skelton in "Mr. Co-ed". Now the former swimming champ is hopefully looking up Williams.

Bits on Starlets...Ava Gardner and Mary Elliott will make their next appearance in "Lost Angel"...Jean Porter is visiting her grandfather, T. D. Snipes, in Brownwood, Texas... Naiomi Scher who appears in "Russia" and "The Man From Down Under" has a new Metro contract...Leatrice Joy Gilbert, daughter of John Gilbert and Leatrice Joy, is in New York on a leave of absence from the studio.

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By Ollie Pecord

Fannin Pitches, Hits Homer; Crowd Cheers Rookie

After all the ceremonies of introductions and entertainment and raising the flag had been completed at the CIO Cigarette Fund Drive, which closed at Swayne Field Monday night, Cliff Fannin, Mud Hen rookie, took over the spotlight and never left go until the last man was out in the ninth inning and the Hens had swamped the Camp Perry team 12 to 2.

Fannin had what it takes and never was in serious trouble. Even in the seventh inning when the soldiers managed to score two runs, Fannin seemed to be master and did not look like he was worried by the situation.

To show his utter indifference to the two Camp Perry runs, the Mud Hen pitcher came to bat in the seventh and proceeded to paste a homerun over the right field wall scoring two men ahead of him.

UAW Loses to Spicer

In the opening game the Spicer Mfg. Co. team shut out the Local 12 UAW-CIO nine in a five-inning struggle by a score of 8 to 0. Both teams are in the City Federation League.

Soldiers Enjoy Games

Col. H. D. Wooley, commanding officer of Camp Perry, brought his boys down to see the game between their team and the Mud Hens. More than 600 of the boys cheered their team on the few occasions they threatened, and had a good time throughout the games.

Mayor Lloyd Roulet and Col. Wooley warmed up before the main game and when the game was called the commander pitched one right down the groove to the mayor who caught it like he had handled a ball before. The crowd roared its approval.

Thomas Burke, vice-president of Local 12, UAW-CIO, was introduced to the crowd and got a hand when he briefly spoke and thanked all those who had contributed to make the cigarette fund drive a success. Richard Lazette, CIO War Chest director, was also introduced and spoke a few words.

Swayne Field Donated

Everything that contributed to the success of the fund drive was donated. G. E. Gilliland, president of the Toledo Baseball Club, donated the park its facilities. Members of the ball clubs, the park workers and everyone connected with the drive also gave their time and services to the drive. Even the newspaper reporters paid their way into the park.

Two bands from Camp Perry played throughout the evening after parading to the flagstaff in center field to raise the flag and play the national anthem.

Although neither game was close the crowd seemed to enjoy the evening, and when it was over, commented on the fine support shown by the spectators for the Camp Perry team.

Final results of the fund drive will not be known for the next 10 days. All those who have not settled for their tickets are urged to do so at once so the cigarettes may be purchased and sent to Toledo servicemen on the battlefronts of the world.

Thomas Russell, chairman of the fund drive committee, expressed himself as being extremely satisfied with the fine showing, and extending his thanks to all CIO locals and members who had contributed to its success.

Ohio Hunting Regulations Adopted

To Have Deer Season—Maybe

PUT-IN BAY, O., July 19—Members of the Ohio Conservation and Natural Resources Commission holding their July session at Put-in Bay adopted the hunting regulations which had been tentatively agreed to in the June hearing of the commission in Columbus.

Seasons and bag limits on all species will be as tentatively adopted and announced one month ago.

The limiting of 25 traps for the taking of fur-bearing animals to all persons in the inland trapping district was changed to remain as it was last year, limiting 25 traps to holders of non-resident trapping licenses.

A committee which had previously been appointed to study the possibilities of a short controlled hunting season on deer in Ohio reported that "everything points to such a season" but asked for more time to work out the mechanics of handing such a difficult situation.

Camp Perry	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Kutchins, lf	3	0	0	2	0	0
Condon, 2b	4	0	1	3	2	1
Drusbacky, ss	4	0	0	2	4	1
Clowson, cf-c	3	1	0	5	1	1
Licio, 1b	4	0	1	10	0	0
Dangler, 3b	3	1	1	1	5	0
Mullins, s	2	0	0	1	0	0
Luzar, cf	2	0	1	0	0	0
Stoica, rf	4	0	1	0	0	0
Cronin, p	2	0	0	0	0	0
Mestnik, p	1	0	0	0	0	1
Totals	32	2	5	24	12	4

TOLEDO	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Epps, cf	2	1	1	1	0	0
Cox, cf	3	1	1	3	0	0
Wren, 2b	4	2	2	0	3	0
Criscola, rf	4	1	2	0	0	0
Sanford, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Gregory, lf	4	2	2	2	0	0
Whitehead, lf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Boken, 1b	4	2	1	5	1	0
Storti, 3b	4	1	1	0	0	0
Schulte, ss	2	0	0	1	0	0
Kimble, ss	2	1	1	2	3	0
Hayworth, c	2	0	1	7	0	0
Keller, c	3	0	0	5	0	0
Fannin, p	4	1	2	1	0	0
Totals	40	12	14	27	7	0

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Runs batted in: Gregory 2, Boken, Wren, Storti, Fannin 4, Luzar 2. Two-base hits: Epps, Hayworth, Stoica, Luzar, Boken. Three-base hits: Gregory, Wren. Homerun: Fannin. Left on bases: Camp Perry 7; Toledo 8. Bases on balls: Cronin 2, Fannin 3, Mestnik 2. Strikeouts: Cronin 1, Fannin 12, Mestnik 4. Hits: Off Cronin 7 in 5 innings; Mestnik 7 in 3. Wild pitch: Cronin. Passed ball: Mullins. Umpires: Fenton, Boyer and Jones. Time 2:14. Attendance 4,097.

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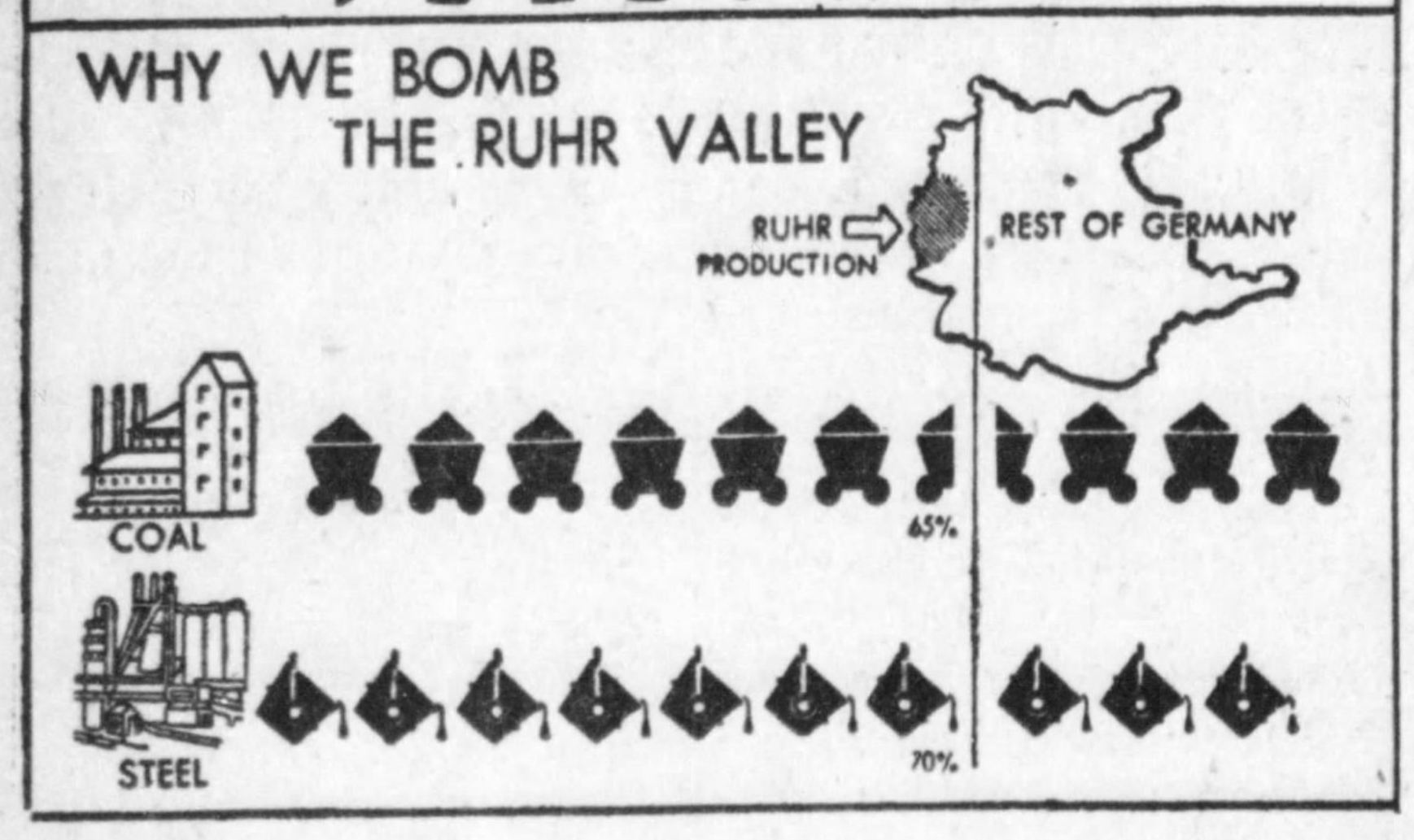

SICILY:

Allies Advance

As a great bridge of 3,000 ships poured troops onto conquered beachheads of Sicily, American forces drove 20 miles inland to join up with the British at Ragusa, an important communication junction dominating high ground in the area.

Along the eastern coast of the island, the British captured the naval base of Augusta and then made landings to the south of the great port of Catania. The movements placed Gen. Bernard Montgomery's forces within 55 miles of Messina, terminal of the ferry route from the toe of the Italian boot.

Only around the American beachhead of Gela did heavy early fighting develop. Here, the celebrated Goering division teamed with an Italian force to counterattack, and though the enemy drove through to the sandy shore, Gen. George Patton's troops sealed the breach.

Against the 144,000 Axis troops defending Sicily, the Allies were reputed to have put up at least 10 divisions of 150,000 men in the early stages of the campaign. With airdromes established in the island's picturesque olive groves of the southeast, Allied airmen assaulted enemy landing fields, shot up motorized convoys and roads, and bombed shipping to the north.

PACIFIC:

Win Another Round

Hovering in the approaches of the Kula gulf, American naval units took another broadside at Japanese warships seeking to supply enemy troops penned at the Munda airfield on New Georgia island. In the exchange of salvos, four and probably six Jap cruisers and destroyers were sunk. No American losses were announced.

Near Munda, American troops, picking their way through the thick jungle, encountered stiffening resistance from the entrapped enemy. Earlier, U. S. forces had wiped out a Japanese stronghold on an inlet to the northeast of the island.

Collaborating with the sea and ground forces, American airmen continued hammering at Japanese installations throughout the 700-mile arc of offensive. The enemy air base at Vila above New Georgia island and another in the Shortland islands to the northwest were raided.

In New Guinea, the Allies were making use of the supply route from the beach where General MacArthur had established a base early in the offensive, to Mubo, about 15 miles inland and just below the Japanese stronghold of Salamaua.

WAR BUREAUS:

Get $2,911,697,224

After paring the OPA's request for funds by 22 million dollars and the Office of War Information's by 16 million dollars, Congress appropriated $2,911,697,224 for the government's war agencies in bills approved by President Roosevelt.

A total of 848 million dollars was appropriated for the Department of Agriculture. The department of the Interior received 105 million dollars, including 22 million dollars for the irrigation of food producing lands. Other bills provide for 100 million dollars for new war housing and 15 million dollars for flood relief.

Also signed by the President was legislation for authorizing the use of government-held silver for industrial purposes; for establishing a pharmacy corps in the army; for providing for emergency flood control work, and for settling boundary lines between Iowa and Nebraska.

CROPS:

Prospects Down

Overall crop production for 1943 is expected to be about 10 per cent below last year, according to estimates of the Department of Agriculture. With a tight situation in corn already existent, it was predicted current acreage would yield 2 billion, 706½ million bushels, 15 per cent below the 1942 harvest.

Wheat production is expected to approximate 790,823,000 bushels, 200 millions below 1942. Oats were expected to be down 8.6 per cent at 1 billion 242½ million bushels; barley down 17.4 per cent at 350 million bushels, and rye down 41 per cent at 33,562,000 bushels.

Generally good yields were expected from the 15,434,000 acres of soybeans seeded. Approximately 39 per cent less sugar beet acreage was planted than in 1942. However, higher acreage for dry beans, peas, peanuts, flaxseed, rice and potatoes spelled higher production. Truck crops were expected to drop 11 per cent.

In signing the $848,000,000 agricultural supply bill, President Roosevelt deprecated the elimination of crop insurance from the measure. Congress had provided over $3,000,000 for liquidation of the service.

RUSSIA:

Reds Counter-Attack

Bitter fighting on the Russian front spread, with Russian units counter-attacking fiercely above Orel, northernmost pivot of the 160-mile front bending southward to Belgorod.

Announcement of the counter-attack was made by the Nazis after the Russians had claimed that they had checked the Germans in the Orel-Belgorod region after initial break-throughs.

In the battle of the giants, London said, the Nazis had thrust wedges of 20 miles into Russian lines above Belgorod, but that the Reds had temporarily slowed the drives and were now throwing their tanks and artillery at the German flanks in an effort to pinch them off from the main forces.

Besides claiming successes around Belgorod, the Nazis asserted they had progressed at the northern anchor of Orel. Some extent of the fighting may be gleaned from Nazi and Russian claims, which put total tank losses at 3,000.

FOOD:

Less Dairy Products

The 46.3 pounds of butter, cheese, canned and dried milk consumed by Americans in 1942 will be cut to 31.3 pounds in the next 12 months following the War Food administration's allocation of supplies among civilians, the military and lend-lease.

Of the four products, only butter production will drop for the period, from 2 billion 170 million pounds to 1 billion 670 million pounds. Under the allocation, every person will receive 13.5 pounds of butter for the 12 months compared with 16.5 pounds in 1942.

Cheese output is expected to soar to 915 million pounds, but civilian quotas fill approximate 4.1 pounds per person against 6.7 pounds last year. Despite record production of canned and dried milk, every consumer will get 8.4 pounds less of canned milk for a total of 12.1 pounds and 1 pound less of dried milk or 1.6 pounds in all.

WFA pointed out that these quotas are subject to change, depending upon the rate of production throughout the next 12 months. Therefore, they may go up, or again, they may go down.

HIGHLIGHTS . . . *in tre week's news*

ACTRESS: Cecilia Loftus, the famous English and American actress of a generation ago, was found dead in her New York hotel room. She was 67 years old.

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POPULATION: The population of the United States is now 135,-900,000, as of March 1, according to an estimate by a national advertising agency.

STEEL: Steel mills of the nation are now operating at about 97 per cent of capacity, compared with 98.4 per cent this time last year.

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STOCKS: Average prices on the New York exchange have climed to the highest point in three years, reflecting the successful invasion of Sicily, and continued high production.

ACLU Gives Unions Ammunition

Reports Anti-Union Activities

NEW YORK, July 19 (FP)—Timed to provide even more ammunition for labor unions preparing to protect their economic interests through joint political activity, the American Civil Liberties Union reported July 15 that the past year had seen more anti-labor bills passed than in any recent year.

In its 1943 report, Freedom in Wartime, the ACLU said that there had been an "incessant drive" to emasculate unions, both nationally and by states. In addition to anti-labor acts in Congress, many legislatures enacted legislation restricting the right to strike and drastically curbing normal union activities.

Another black spot in the year's legislative record was passage of the Smith-Connally bill, which includes a provision prohibiting contributions to political campaigns by unions, a discrimination vigorously opposed by the ACLU both in Congress and in legislatures where similar proposals were debated.

Reviews One Year

Reviewing the year from June 1942 to June 1943, the report stated that more civil rights issues and cases have arisen from the "normal conflicts" than from the pressures of war, although some have been accentuated by wartime strains. On the whole, however, this war has been singularly free of the violations of civil rights which marked World War I, proving, the ACLU commented, that "our democracy can fight even the greatest of all wars and still maintain the essentials of liberty."

The report concluded with a warning against "complacency." "Dangers remain great," it notes. "Undue prolongation of the war, reaction from war weariness or the growth of reaction in other fields, a sudden change in public temper, might easily reverse the record of these months. Today, as always, only eternal vigilance and activity protect our liberties."

No Deal With AFL for Burke Says Gosser

Richard Gosser, UAW-CIO regional director and campaign manager for Thomas Burke, Local 12 vice-president, who is a candidate for City Council, yesterday answered the AFL denial of a "deal" between the two organizations in supporting each other's candidates.

Gosser said, "Stories which have run in the daily press to the effect that there was a mutual endorsement of the CIO and AFL candidates by the two labor organizations are entirely unfounded. There is no such deal."

Mr. Gosser explained, "Somebody at the last meeting of the Toledo Industrial Union Council suggested that the two unions should support each other's candidates. This was immediately taken up and published as though it were an accomplished fact. The fact is that no such a thing has been done and the person who suggested the action was merely expressing his own opinion."

No such arrangement or mutual endorsement has been made, according to Mr. Gosser, who concluded with, "Whenever we have wanted anything we have not been shy in asking for it. If such an arrangement had been made, we would have gone directly to the parties concerned and not accomplished arrangements through the press or anyone else."

Mr. Burke is expected to file his petitions for Council in the next few days.

Steel Products Case Ends

Final hearing of the WLB on the contract of the Toledo Steel Products and Local 12, UAW-CIO, took place in Cleveland last Saturday. Practically all phases of the contract were worked out except wages and classifications.

The WLB ordered the management and Local 12 to work out wages and plant classifications and urged them to agree on the two issues. If the wage and classifications sections are agreed on, they will be submitted to the WLB for final approval of the contract.

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War On All Fronts

God Will Hear

By William C. Taggart

(WNU Feature—Through special arrangement with The American Magazine.)

I am an air force chaplain. For more than a year I have lived with men whose daily job is to risk their lives in combat with the enemy.

I have seen these men go off on missions never to return. I have watched them during bombing attacks against our base. I know what they think and feel. I know how they pray.

One of our Flying Fortresses was forced down at sea on its way back to Australia. The crew of nine was given up for lost. Weeks later, nine bearded, disheveled men straggled into camp, and I had the story of their rescue from Maj. Allen Lindberg of Westfield, N. J., pilot of the plane.

"It was before dawn when we crashed," Lindberg told me. "We just had time to shove off on two rubber rafts, without a crumb of food or a drop of water."

"A grim outlook," I suggested.

"Grim enough. The boys were pretty worried—all except Hernandez. Right away theat lad from Dallas started praying, and pretty soon he startled us by announcing that help was on the way. He didn't know how or when, but something told him that we should be saved.

"I'd only been praying a few minutes when I felt like God had heard me and was taking a hand to help us out. From then on, no matter how bad things got, I was sure we would come through."

The major continued: "You've no idea what hell is like until you have been crowded with four other men on a rubber bubble built for three, and left to drift beneath a rolling sun. Toward evening we thought we saw the peaks of mountains to the west. When they dissolved into mist, Hernandez just prayed harder. He got the rest of us to pray and sing with him. We sang 'Rock of Ages' and 'Lead Kindly Light.'

"The second day our lips were too cracked and our tongues too swollen for much hymn singing. But the prayers never stopped.

Natives Rescued Us

"Then something happened. We felt a current reach us and hurry us along. Before nightfall we saw the silhouette of palm trees, the white streaks of surf, and—almost eyond belief—the black hulls of three out-rigger canoes.

"Our rescuers were Australian aborigines — black-skinned, kinky-headed fishermen from the mainland several hundred miles away. They told us that, the day before, they had been homeward bound with their catch, when a strange urge came over them. Something impelled them to change their course, and steer for this uninhabited and worthless bit of coral."

Yes, prayer does work. There have been other incidents. Lieut. Frank Beeson of Tuscaloosa, Ala., lay in our base hospital, a gaping shell wound in his shoulder. A pursuit pilot, he had been shot down at Port Moresby. The doctor's verdict was: "He'll never fly again."

"Oh, yes, I will," Frank told me. "How do you know?"

"I asked the Lord to give me strength to rejoin my squadron." A few weeks later, after an incredibly short recovery, Frank was on his way back to Port Moresby and more dogfights with the Japs.

I know of men lost and starving in the deserts of Australia, who were found and brought to safety after asking God for help. Of men in bombers shot to pieces by enemy gunfire who, quite literally "prayed their way" back to base. I know, too, that many times appeals uttered by mothers, wives and sweethearts in the United States stretched a protective mantle half around the globe to shield us in the South Pacific.

Power of Prayer

One high-ranking general told me that he owes his life, in part, to the petitions voiced by his closest friend and former business partner. I myself am living on borrowed time be cause my parents prayed for me in a situation of great danger.

As a parson's son, brought up in a devout Southwest community, I have always believed in the power of prayer. I cannot recall a time when it was not an integral part of my daily life.

One of my professors at college was a missionary in China. Captured by bandits, he and his fellow prisoners were taken to a lonely mountain pass. When no ransom was forthcoming, the bandits determined to shoot them the next day. That night he prayed fervently for guidance, and before dawn a thick cloud settled on the pass. Wrapped in this cloud of invisibility, he led his party down the mountainside to safety.

Millions of Americans who in the past relied on themselves are now reaching out for help.

Army Lifts Some Jim Crow Bars

WASHINGTON (FP) — Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson told a press conference July 15 of innovations in the Air Force which were regarded as the forerunner of several important changes relaxing the Jim Crowism of the Army.

Army air schools will be opened to Negroes soon, according to Patterson, for training as bombardiers and navigators. At present the only schools where Negroes may study aviation are at Tuskegee, Ala., and Selfridge Field, Mich., and Negroes are used only in fighter squadrons, not as bombardiers. The new training will be given jointly to Negro and white soldiers, not in segregated groups.

Auxiliary To Conduct Drive

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for the women relatives of workers in each individual unit.

Under this plan the amalgamated auxiliary will present a strong, united front under one local banner, but the divisions will give each group of women an opportunity to work in a smaller unit with the women with whom they are better acquainted.

Toledo needs a large auxiliary now. The committee and the International Union hope that all union members and the women in union families will take on the job of building such an auxiliary.

"I am sure," Mrs. Sheehy said, "that the women of Toledo are just as anxious to join in our great work as are the women in cities all over the country. From the conversations I have had with many union women there, I know that before long the Toledo auxiliary will be among the leaders of the nation."

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Servicemen's Letters

Likes His Mail

Dear Mr. Gosser:

Received your greeting and I was very much pleased to learn that though we are many miles from home, we still have our home town folks thinking of us. It makes a fellow feel good to receive mail from his home town. I know that the people on the home front are doing their best to keep us supplied with implements to whip the Axis, and I know they are hoping and praying for that hour and day to come when all will be peaceful again and all the boys start returning to their homes and loved ones.

I know that some boys will be unfortunate and never return, but those of us who will return will work that much harder to make this world a more peaceful place to live in for the next generation or longer.

I am receiving my monthly boxes and I think that it's really swell of the ones who are contributing to this cause. Many times a fellow gets in a spot when something happens to his payroll and they hold the pay back for two weeks. We then find ourselves without cigarettes, then we happen to receive our monthly box and we thank the Lord we have people back home thinking of us. I don't know if I'll receive another box in this camp, as we are ready to move to another place. When we do move I'll send my new address to the Welfare Committee.

I want to thank you for trying to aid the boys in the armed forces in any problems they have, and I know they appreciate it as much as I do. I haven't any problems that are considered hard. The one thing that comes to me now and then is that I'm hoping my folks feel well and that they are in good health. I know the fellows appreciate you writing to them. We all know that it's impossible to write personal letters to each and every one of us.

Before I close this letter I want to say hello to all the fellows in Dept. 307, and if I happen to get a furlough and find some time, I may drop in and see them, even though it will only be a few minutes.

Sincerely yours,
Pvt. Walter J. Adamski
No. 35542087
Btry C, 32nd Art. Bn.
Camp Wallace, Texas

Dear Mr. Cousino,

First of all I would like to ask your pardon for not writing thanking you for the wonderful gift boxes that the Willys-Overland Unit has so generously sent me.

It is indeed a wonderful feeling to know that a lot of my union brothers and sisters think of the men in their country's service.

The gift boxes that we receive certainly bring back that extra needed punch when one is feeling low. It also makes me feel great, knowing that all of you are behind the fighting forces, helping to make this world, our world, a better place to live in.

Keep up the good work and a million thanks for the gift boxes.

Sincerely yours,
Nicholas G. Allemenos
Battery 62, Company A,
Platoon 6
c/o Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, Calif.

Forum Meeting Postponed

Meeting of the Local 12 Labor Forum was postponed on Tuesday, July 20, when Norman Meyers, members of the War Manpower Commission was called out of the city.

The next meeting, which will be the last of the current season, will be held Monday, July 26, at Local 12 with Mr. Meyers as the speaker. The subject of Mr. Meyer's talk will be a Democratic manpower commission.

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Rolls and frame of wringer should be wiped dry. Release pressure on rolls when not in use.

Leave cover off tub until all dampness has evaporated to prevent musty odor.

Connecting cord should be wiped dry and carefully wound on hooks provided.

Wipe washer clean and dry after each use. Be sure to cover it over if it is kept in a dusty place when not in use.

HELPFUL HINTS ON WASHING

Follow the instructions furnished by the manufacturer in regard to the amount of water to use. Work will be more satisfactory.

Do not run washer longer than necessary. Avoid overloading. It increases the wear on clothes, and decreases efficiency.

SAVING WORK. Keep tissue handy in the bathroom to wipe off lip rouge. It will save towels.

Blankets will stay clean much longer if a wide turnover of the top sheet is used, or if blanket covers are used.

Knit underwear will wear better if not ironed. Stretch the material and let it dry in shape.

Do not throw out small bits of unused soap. Make them into a soap jelly with boiling water. Splendid for washing stockings, gloves, lingerie and such things.

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